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1 Km N of MORSBRONN,
FRANCE (R008342)
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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: Elements of CCL 2 DB closed in area vic POSTROFF (Q5218). 253d Inf (TF HARRIS) closed in OERMINGEN (Q5544) area. Other units no change.
   b. II Fr Corps: No change in positions. Elements of 2 DB continued movement to XV Corps sector.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Spotty weather limited F/Bs to 19 missions of 217 sorties, attacking rail and supply installations in the NEUSTADT - KAISERLAUTERN - HOMBURG area with good effect.
      (2) Close support: None during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy and cold, with snow; visibility changing.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The division sector was generally quiet during the period. Patrols across the front maintained active contact with the enemy, work to improve defensive positions continued. Patrols from 2d Bn 157th Inf to E side of OBERSTEINBACH (Q9348) made no contact with enemy. A patrol of the 3d Bn 179th Inf moved to (R154527) without contact.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: Forward units of the division patrolled actively to hold contact with the enemy, as the sector remained quiet.
      (3) TF HARRIS: 253d Inf closed at 0930A vic OERMINGEN (Q5544) coming under XV Corps control. 255th Inf commenced movement to XV Corps sector at 2030A.
      (4) TF HERREN: The Force maintained defensive positions along the RHINE R in its sector. The 274th Inf extended its positions to the N, and the 276th Inf extended its positions to the S, relieving the 275th Inf (Overlay). On completion of its relief, the 275th Inf assembled and commenced movement to vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338) at 2030A, regiment to be attached to the 45th Inf Div on closing in new area.
      (5) TF LINDEN: Positions were held in the STRASBOURG area on W side of the RHINE R. Sector quiet during the period.

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b. FA: Artillery fire was largely on targets of opportunity, many missions being fired on enemy personnel and vehicles.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports five engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, one enemy aircraft destroyed and six probably destroyed.

d. Armd:

(1) TF HUDELSON: Patrols maintained contact with the enemy. At 2000A, the 117th Cav Rcn Sq dispersed with SA fire, an enemy patrol which had infiltrated to (Q790484).

(2) 14th Armd Div (-): Division (-) closed in a new assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (Q8124) at 0340A, remained in Corps reserve.

g. Cml: Co B 83d Cml Mort Bn relieved Co C, atchd to TF HUDELSON. When relieved, Co C reverted to control parent unit, Corps reserve.

j. Misc: FO 10, Hq VI Corps was issued at 311700A Dec.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Contact was maintained with the enemy by aggressive patrolling across the Corps front. Work continued on the preparation and improvement of defensive positions. The 275th Inf (TF HERREN) was relieved in position and commenced movement to the 45th Inf Div area. Remaining elements of TF HARRIS commenced movement to XV Corps sector. The 14th Armd Div (-) closed in its new assembly area vic BOUXWILLER.

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1 Incls: Overlay

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Incls 1, Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Incls 1, Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 106th Cav Rcn Gp: Along general line (Q300720-328690), repulsed 5 strong counterattacks during the period. 103d Inf Div: No change. 44th Inf Div: 71st Inf engaged with infiltrations vic (Q5956). 324th Inf repulsed enemy attempting crossing BLIES R at (Q5658). 100th Inf Div: 1st Bn 399th Inf refused R flank, establishing positions generally between 74 and 75 Eastings to join with 3d Bn vic (Q7547). Strong pressure received at (Q754457) by 2d Bn 399th Inf.
   b. II Fr Corps: No change. Strong patrol activity continued.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Excellent weather conditions prevailed throughout the period, permitting full scale effort by both medium and fighter bombers. 2 successful missions of 72 sorties were flown by M/Bs on supply installations in the KAISERLAUTERN area. F/Bs maintained constant surveillance of road and rail networks along the entire Seventh Army sector with 24 missions of 278 sorties flown. Targets attacked included locomotives, RR cars, horse-drawn vehicles, and tanks, good results being obtained.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold; visibility excellent.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: No change in forward positions during the period, sector generally quiet with the exception of L flank 157th Inf where patrols engaged enemy attempting to infiltrate our positions. Co A 179th Inf moved to (Q933465) to outpost gap in line between Cos F and G 157th Inf. Regrouped forces during period to form force to counterattack to N in L of Corps sector, morning 2 Jan. 36th Engr C Regt atchd to 45th Inf Div, completed relief of 179th Inf (-1st Bn), 179th Inf (-1st Bn) closed in assembly area vic LEMBACH (R0445), prepared to move at 020400A to forward assembly area N of WINGEN (Q7335). 313th Inf (-3d Bn) atchd 45th Inf Div, closed in assembly area vic REICHSHOFFEN (Q9537) at 1730A, at close of period 1st Bn and Cannon Co were enroute to a forward assembly area N of REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037). 1st Bn 314th Inf and 1st Bn 315th Inf atchd to 45th Inf Div, enroute to an assembly area vic ZINSWILLER (Q8935) at the end of the period. 275th Inf closed in NIEDERBRONN (Q9339)
      (2) 79th Inf Div: Sector generally quiet during the period. Thinned-out line and assembled 313th Inf (-3d Bn), 1st Bn 314th Inf and 1st Bn 315th Inf which passed to control 45th Inf Div. TF HERREN (-275th Inf) was atchd 79th Inf Div, which assumed command of sector at 1800A.
      (3) TF HARRIS: 255th Inf closed in XV Corps zone at 0510A, reld atchment VI Corps.
      (4) TF HERREN: 275th Inf closed in 45th Inf Div zone 0630A, atchd on arrival. 274th Inf completed relief of 276th Inf with the 2d and 3d Bns. 1st Bn in reserve assembly area vic BISCHWILLER (R0918)(Overlay). 276th Inf closed in assembly area CAMP OBERHOFFEN (R0821) at 1530A. TF HERREN atchd to 79th Inf Div 1800A.
      (5) TF LINDEN: 222d Inf reld 242d Inf along the RHINE S of STRASBOURG. On completion of the relief, 242d Inf assembled with the 1st and 3d Bns in the HOLTZHEIM (V9395) area and the 2d Bn vic (V9992)(Overlay).

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b. FA:
(1) 93d and 69th Armd FA Bns atchd to 79th Inf Div.
(2) Excellent visibility permitted numerous observed missions during the period with the bulk of the targets in the TF HUDELSON sector. A horse-drawn column vic (Q918463) at 0830A was engaged with reported good results. A heavy harassing program by the Corps Arty was in progress at the end of the period.

c. AAA:
(1) 35th AAA Brig reports 5 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period. 1 plane destroyed, 2 probably destroyed.

d. Armd:
(1) TF HUDELSON: Enemy attacks developed throughout the sector at about 0230A with the main pressure in L of the sector against 117th Cav Rcn Sq and against the 94th Cav Rcn Sq vic BANNSTEIN (Q8344). Elements 540th Engr C Regt employed to reinforce line but by daylight penetrations to the 44 Northing had been made. 117th Cav Rcn Sq attempted to organize the general line (Q7846-8047) during morning. The R flank of 62d Armd Inf Bn remained firm. 19th Armd Inf Bn moved to reinforce L of sector. Tk Co 25th Tk Bn established perimeter defense around BAERENTHAL and repulsed an enemy attack against the TF CP. During the afternoon, attempts were made to establish a firm line from LEMBERG (Q7445) - MOUTERHOUSE (Q7942) - BAERENTHAL (Q8442) but a line just to the S of this was being held at the end of the period. TF CP displaced at 1630A, opened in REIPERTSWILLER (Q8027) at 2130A.
(2) 14th Armd Div (-): 19th Armd Inf Bn and one medium Tk Co 25th Tk Bn atchd to TF HUDELSON. 25th Tk Bn (-) and 47th Tk Bn reinforced by Co B 125th Armd Engr Bn, established blocks to NW in passes along the line NEUWILLER (Q7525) - INGWILLER (Q8130) - ROTHBACK (Q8534) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) - NIEDERBRONN (Q9338). CCA assembled late in the period, prepared to move to BOUXWILLER (Q8125) area from XV Corps sector 2 Jan.

h. Engr: 40th Engr C Regt completed construction of a Cl 40, 40', 1 way timber br at ESCHAU (V977877).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Strong enemy infiltrations and heavy pressure were encountered throughout the period in the L of the Corps sector. At the end of the period, a line generally S of the MOUTERHOUSE - BAERENTHAL line was established after the 19th Armd Inf Bn, elements of the 540th Engr C Regt and tanks from the 25th Tk Bn were moved forward to reinforce TF HUDELSON. Blocks along the line INGWILLER - NIEDERBRONN were established by elements of the 14th Armd Div. The 36th Engr C Regt completed the relief of the 179th Inf. The 79th Inf Div thinned out its positions and released the 313th Inf (-3d Bn), 1st Bn 314th Inf and 1st Bn 315th Inf, thus forming a counterattack force to be employed 2 Jan under the command of the 45th Inf Div to restore the former positions in the L of the Corps sector. Remainder of the Corps sector remained quiet during the period.

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TO
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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 312400A - 012400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 11 missions of 125 sorties were handled by "ELITE". The effort was directed against targets in the sectors of TF Hudelson and the 45th Inf Div.

2. Details:
   a. Mission #1.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 0800 hrs.
      (2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 0800 hrs on AO #15 with 10 a/c. Squadron was turned over to "Elite Able" (45th Div) for control. "Elite Able" directed squadron to reconnoiter road between BITCHE and DAHN.
      (3) Results: 6 x 500-lb bombs and 3 x 100-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yards at R0166, destroyed 6 buildings and damaged 3 buildings; 8 x 500-lb bombs and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on town at Q805782, no results observed. Contacted 2 Me-210's at R1065, destroyed 1 Me-210 and damaged 1 Me-210.
   b. Mission #2.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 0810 hrs.
      (2) Action: "Exhust" leader checked into area at 0810 hrs on AO #16 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to reconnoiter PIRMASENS - NEUSTADT - LANDAU - KAISERLAUTERN.
      (3) Results: Squadron jettisoned their bombs at Q7490 due to combat. Attack 30 plus Me-109's and FW-190's and 4 Me-410's on deck going southwest, destroyed 13 Me-109's and damaged 7 Me-109's. 8 x 500-lb bombs and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yards at Q7490, 1 locomotive destroyed, marshalling yard damaged.
   c. Mission #3.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to recce and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1120 hrs.
      (2) Action: "Exhust" leader checked into area at 1120 hrs on AO #19 with 12 a/c. Squadron was given a target by "Elite Able" (45th Div) a town in wooded area at R0557, target was marked by smoke.
      (3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs and 12 x 100-lb bombs were dropped at R0557, 4 buildings destroyed, no other results observed. Strafed 2 times, no results observed.
   d. Mission #4.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1130 hrs.
      (2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1130 hrs on AO #20 with 11 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) sent squadron to LANDAU to look for M/T but none were located. Squadron continued rcn.

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(3) Results: 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 100-lb bombs dropped on 1 tank at R0866; 1 tank damaged, 1 road block created and 1 railcut made. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb bombs dropped on 2 tanks at R0667; no hits but damaged 2 tanks by straffing. 10 x 500, 3 x 260-lb and 1 x 100-lb bombs dropped on 30 to 50 MT at Q9866; 1 MT destroyed, 1 road block created, 5 strafing passes made, destroyed 10 MT at Q9866 and damaged 10 MT. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb bombs were dropped on 1 tank at R0567; 1 tank destroyed. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb bombs dropped on 10 boxcars and 5 flat cars carrying 3 tanks at Q995675; 2 boxcars destroyed. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb bombs dropped on 1 MT at R0666; 1 MT destroyed. Strafed train at R018-265 with 15 flat cars carrying 8 tanks; 15 flat cars and 8 tanks damaged, 1 MT destroyed at Q9568.

e. Mission #5.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1140 hrs.

(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1140 hrs on AO #18 with 12 a/c. "Elite Able" (45th Div) sent squadron to FISHBACH to bomb troops and tanks.

(3) Results: All bombs dropped on town of FISHBACH; 6 buildings destroyed and 6 buildings damaged, no other results observed. Strafed at Q9758, damaged 2 MT and 2 horse drawn vehicles. At Q9454, strafed an undetermined number of MT in woods; damaged 10 MT. At Q8054 strafed 5 horse drawn vehicles and damaged them. At Q860505 strafed 10 horse drawn vehicles and 10 to 15 MT; 5 MT damaged, 5 horse drawn vehicles damaged.

f. Mission #6.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1245 hrs.

(2) Action: "Kismet" leader checked into area at 1245 hrs on AO #49 with 11 a/c. "Elite Able" (45th Div) told squadron to reconnoiter area Q9345, nothing found. "Elite Able" sent squadron to FISHBACH. "Elite Able" layed smoke on target

(3) Results: 20 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs on smoke at FISHBACH. No results observed.

g. Mission #7.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1350 hrs.

(2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1350 hrs on AO #50 with 11 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) told squadron to reconnoiter.

(3) Results: 14 x 500-lb and 7 x 100-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yard at R0767; 14 boxcars damaged and 1 building damaged. 8 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped between Q9163 and Q9463; 1 tank damaged.

h. Mission #8.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1510 hrs.

(2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1510 hrs on AO #51 with 12 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) told squadron to reconnoiter east of BITCHE to look for horse drawn vehicles.

(3) Results: 22 x 500-lb bombs dropped on 15 horse drawn vehicles at Q8454; destroyed 2 and damaged 2 horse drawn vehicles, created 1 road block. 2 x 500-lb bombs on 5 MT loaded with troops at Q8742; 2 destroyed and 2 damaged, 1 building destroyed.

i. Mission #9.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1535 hrs.

(2) Action: "Torso" leader checked into area at 1535 hrs on AO #7 with 12 a/c.

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(3) Results: 6 x 500-lb bombs on RR tracks at Q8145, 1 railcut; 8 x 500-lb bombs on RR intersection at Q8345, 1 railcut.

j. Mission #10.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1615 hrs.
(2) Action: "Exhust" leader checked into area at 1615 hrs on AO #24 with 14 a/c.
(3) Results: 6 x 500-lb bombs on 2 MT at Q8657, no results observed; 2 x 500-lb bombs on town at Q8157, no results observed; 8 x 500-lb bombs on 8 MT and 1 flak position, strafed and damaged 1 MT at Q8558, damaged 5 MT and 1 flak position, strafed and damaged 1 MT at Q9855, 2 x 500-lb bombs on 50 MT at Q9854, 1 MT destroyed, strafed and damaged 6 MT; 2 x 500-lb bombs on 2 flak positions at Q9855, destroyed 2 flak positions; 4 x 500-lb bombs on 2 MT at Q9851, damaged 1 MT; 2 x 500-lb bombs on town at Q9854, no results observed, strafed and damaged 1 MT and 1 flak position at Q9850.

k. Missions #11.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front lines for a call target. TOT 1625 hrs.
(2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1615 hrs on AO #53 with 8 a/c. "Elite" directed flight to target southeast of PIR-MASENS.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on boxcars at R1368, destroyed 7 cars and damaged 15 cars.

l. Summary:
(1) A total of 11 missions involving 125 sorties were flown in Close Support of VI Corps. A total of 55 tons of demolition and fragmentation bombs were dropped.
(2) 14 Me-109's were destroyed, 7 Me-109's damaged, 1 Me-210 destroyed and 1 Me-210 damaged in the VI Corps area.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Incls 1, Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Incls 1, Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div forced back to vic (Q617550) by heavy inf attacks, continue to maintain contact with 100th Inf Div on R flank. 106th Cav Gp reported making small local gains throughout their sector.
   b. II Fr Corps: Sector quiet with patrols maintaining contact.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Clear weather permitted another full scale air effort in support of Seventh Army. M/Bs flew 5 missions of 83 sorties attacking supply installations in the PIRMASENS area. F/Bs which found no profitable close support targets, were directed to rail movements and M/T well forward of the Army front with good effect.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2, Close Air Support for period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold; visibility excellent.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: There was no change in the positions of the 157th and 180th Infs or in the sector of the 36th Engr C Regt till late in the period, when elements of their units started the withdrawal to the MAGINOT positions in accordance with OI No 1, Hq VI Corps dated 021100A. 179th Inf moved by motor to the Corps L flank vic WINGEN (Q7335), attacked to NE at 1100A and made some progress. At end of period, C Co was in light contact at (Q755387). Remainder of 1st Bn moved towards MEISENTHAL (Q7140). 2d Bn continued N and was engaged on the outskirts of GROETZENBRUCH (Q7442). 3d Bn attempted to clear the road to MEISENTHAL, met stiff resistance at a road block which had been established by the enemy at (Q725398). 275th Inf attacked to the NW and made good progress against moderate resistance. The 1st Bn on R reached a point at (Q888452). 2d Bn repulsed an attack after falling back to (Q8540), counterattacked and advanced to the SE edge of BAERENTHAL (Q8442). The 3d Bn pushed troops to (Q850435) and (Q875443). 313th Inf (-) advanced to vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q8057) and engaged enemy tanks and inf moving into town. 1st Bn of 314th Inf closed assembly area vic ZINSWILLER (Q8935) and proceeded to REIPERTSWILLER to join 313th Inf where at the end of the period they were mopping up enemy that had infiltrated back into the town. 1st Bn 315th Inf closed assembly area vic ZINSWILLER at 0400A.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: Sector quiet during period with only light harassing arty fire. The 315th Inf (-1st Bn), 314th Inf (-1st Bn) and the 3d Bn 313th Inf began withdrawal at the end of the period to new positions along MAGINOT Line. TE HERMEN 276th Inf moved from assembly area

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at CAMP OBERHOFFEN (R0821) to vic ZITTERSHEIM (Q7133) and occupied defensive positions along the line VOLKSBERG (Q6838) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) INGWILLER (Q8130). Upon arrival atchd to 45th Inf Div. 3d Bn 274th Inf began withdrawal to the MAGINOT positions in the L of the zone at 022000A.

(3) TF LINDEN: 3d Bn 232d Inf extended line to relieve 1st Bn. 1st Bn moved to vic REICHSTETT (R0105) as Regtl reserve. 242d Inf commenced movement to occupy defensive positions along the general line (V8592) - (V8589) - OBERNAI (V8184) at the end of the period. TF LINDE atchd to 79th Inf Div effective Q21100A.

b. FA:
(1) 69th Armd FA Bn atchd to TF HERREN.
(2) Co B 645th TD Bn reld atchment to TF HUDELSON and reverted to control parent unit, atchd 45th Inf Div.
(3) Continued good visibility allowed numerous observed missions on enemy personnel, vehicles, and tanks with the bulk of the targets in the 45th Inf Div sector.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 4 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period. 1 aircraft destroyed and 1 probably destroyed.

d. Armd:
(1) TF HUDELSON: TF HUDELSON with the 19th and 62d Armd Inf Bns, 94th Cav Rcn Sq (-) and the 500th Armd FA Bn atchd, reverted to control 14th Armd Div, assembling in Div assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125).
(2) 14th Armd Div: 117th Cav Rcn Sq reld atchment to TF HUDELSON and atchd to 14th Armd Div, assembling vic BOUXWILLER for reorganization and refitting. CCA closed in Div assembly area at 021650A, reverted to control parent unit. 25th and 47th Tk Bns continued to block the passes in the INGWILLER (Q8130) - NIEDERBRONN (Q9338) area.

g. Cml: Co C 83d Cml Mort Bn reld atchment to TF HUDELSON and atchd 45th Inf Div.

j. Misc:
(1) VI Corps CP opened vic DETTWILLER (Q802172) at 021400A Jan.
(2) Hq VI Corps OI No 1 issued 021100A.
(3) Hq VI Corps OI No 2 issued 021600A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Strong enemy attacks supported by tanks in the L of the Corps zone brought under control and contained by the end of the period when counterattacks by the 179th Inf, the 313th Inf, and the 275th Inf made small gains after heavy fighting. The retrograde movement to the MAGINOT positions in the center of the Corps zone commenced at the end of the period.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 012400A - 022400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 10 missions of 108 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps, with priority to TF Hudelson and the 45th Inf Div. 41 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:
   a. Mission #1.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0905 hours.
      (2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 0905 hours on AO #32 with 9 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) directed flight to reconnoiter for troop and vehicle movement.
      (3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs and 150 x 20-lb frags dropped on town at Q8050, 10 buildings were destroyed.
   b. Mission #2.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0905 hours.
      (2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 0905 hours on AO #46 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to look for any enemy movement.
      (3) Results: 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped on a train in entrance of a tunnel, 1 locomotive destroyed and tunnel damaged. 6 x 500-lb bombs on 60 boxcars at Q904734; 10 cars destroyed, 5 cars damaged, 1 railcut; 9 x 500-lb bombs on locomotive and 25 cars at R245861; 5 cars destroyed, 5 cars damaged, 1 locomotive damaged, 1 railcut. Strafed and damaged 1 locomotive and 10 coaches at R185915. Destroyed 3 Me 109s and damaged 2 FW 190s.
   c. Mission #3.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0905 hours.
      (2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 0905 hours on AO #47 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to reconnoiter BITCHE - PIRMASENS - LANDAU area for any enemy movement.
      (3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs dropped; 8 bombs on 40 boxcars in woods at M1401, 8 cars damaged; 8 bombs on RR cars at M1202, 2 cars damaged and 1 railcut; 4 bombs on marshalling yard at M3008, 30 boxcars were in marshalling yards, damaged 1 locomotive and 10 cars.
   d. Mission #4.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0920 hours.
      (2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 0920 hours on AO #34 with 9 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to reconnoiter for enemy movement.

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(3) Results: 18 x 500-lb and 216 x 20-lb bombs were dropped; 4 x 500-lb and 48 x 20-lb bombs were dropped on marshalling yard at KAISER-LAUTERN; 2 hits in town and 2 hits in yard, no results observed; 6 x 500-lb and 72 x 20-lb bombs were dropped on HOMBURG marshalling yard, 50 boxcars were scattered in yard, 1 building destroyed in NW corner of yard, 4 boxcars destroyed and 11 boxcars damaged.

e. Mission #5.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0920 hours.

(2) Action: "Crawford" leader checked into area at 0920 hours on AO #33 with 9 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to reconnoiter PIRMASENS to LANDAU area.

(3) Results: 18 x 500-lb bombs and 216 x 20-lb frags were dropped; 10 bombs jettisoned when contacted e/a; 8 bombs on 50 plus boxcars in marshalling yards at Q3973, destroyed 1 building causing large explosion, 4 railcuts, damaged 10 RR cars.

f. Mission #6.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1115 hours.

(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1115 hours on AO #18 with 12 a/c.

(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs and 12 x 260-lb bombs were dropped; 14 x 500-lb and 7 x 260-lb bombs jettisoned due to combat; 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs dropped on tracks at R208687, 1 railcut; 6 x 500-lb and 3 x 260-lb bombs dropped on 3 flat cars loaded with 3 tanks; 3 flat cars destroyed, 3 tanks destroyed. Strafed and destroyed 2 cars at R140686, 5 cars damaged at R045675, damaged 1 tank and 3 MT at Q970698, destroyed 2 MT and damaged 1 MT at Q915662, damaged 1 supply dump at Q990670.

g. Mission #7.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1200 hours.

(2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1200 hours on AO #49 with 11 a/c. "Horsefly" directed squadron to 25 tanks at Q7574 in wooded area.

(3) Results: 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped at Q7574 in woods, making 2 road blocks, no other results observed due to woods; 14 x 500-lb bombs dropped at Q747460 on 10 tanks and 5 MT, destroyed 1 tank and 1 MT; strafed and destroyed 2 MT at Q755475, destroyed 1 MT at Q574565, destroyed 1 armored vehicle and damaged 5 armored vehicles at Q749-460. Strafed 5 more tanks but did not observe results. All tanks and trucks turned around and went North. 1 Me 109 destroyed at Q7942.

h. Mission #8.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1430 hours.

(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1430 hours on AO #36 with 10 a/c. "Horsefly" directed squadron to Q657482, 25 MT and 25 horse drawn artillery.

(3) Results: 20 x 500-lb bombs and 240 - 20-lb frags were dropped at Q657482, destroyed 13 MT and destroyed 12 horse drawn artillery pieces; strafed and damaged 3 horse drawn artillery pieces.

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i. Mission #9.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1440 hours.
   (2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1440 hours on AO #53 with 12 a/c. "Horsefly" directed squadron to tanks Northeast of LEMBERG.
   (3) Results: 22 x 500-lb bombs dropped at Q7544, no results observed.

j. Mission #10.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1500 hours.
   (2) Action: "Kismet" leader checked into area at 1500 hours on AO #51 with 12 a/c. "Horsefly" directed flight to 6 tanks at Q7542.
   (3) Results: 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped on tanks at Q7542, no hits. Strafed and damaged 2 tanks at Q7542. 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on 6 tanks at Q750812, 1 tank destroyed and 3 tanks damaged. "Horsefly" dove on the target to identify it and point it out for the flight.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Incls 1, Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Incls 1, Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 106th Cav Gp: Elements being reld by 44th Inf Div. 44th Inf Div: 253d Inf (atchd) received enemy counterattack and withdrew to GROS REDERSCHING (Q6252). 2d Bn 114th Inf reached RR vic (Q619542). 2d Bn 71st Inf advanced to (Q619542). 103d Inf Div: Reld elements 106th Cav Gp to GRANDE ROSSELLE (Q3567). 2 DB: Attacked and retook ACHEN (Q5949). 100th Inf Div: 255th Inf (atchd) engaged enemy that infiltrated vic (Q734497).
   b. II Fr Corps: 3d Inf Div: Attack on Hill 216 (V658485) made slight progress against enemy counterattacks. 5 DB: Infiltration attempts between NOIRMONT (V550450) and LAC NOIR (V544461) were repulsed.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force attacked targets in the vic of HOMBURG, bombing thru the overcast.
      (2) Close support: None during the period.
      (3) Friendly and enemy air activity for the period 272400A Dec 44 to 032400A Jan 45 is summarized in Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 157th and 180th Infs completed withdrawal to MAGINOT Line positions (overlay). 2d Bn 157th Inf occupied positions along line (Q922445-940432). 3d Bn along line (Q949433-974442). 1st Bn assembled in res at NIEDERBRONN (Q9338). 180th Inf held positions along line (Q976441-R042450) but was reld late in the period by 1st Bn 315th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt and assembled vic WOERTH (R0037). At close of the period 180th Inf (-) began movement to assembly area vic WIMMENAU (Q7634). 3d Bn remained assembled in WOERTH (R0037), prepared to follow regt morning 4 Jan. Enemy pressure increased against 275th Inf and at close of the period enemy infiltration into the positions of the 1st and 3d Bns had caused considerable disorganization. At close of period elements of both Bns were engaged in N part of PHILLIPSBOURG (Q8742). 36th Engr C Regt completed withdrawal to MAGINOT positions, 1st Bn occupied line (R043447-069442) and 2d Bn (R070440-100440). 3d Bn assembled in res vic (R070430) and late in the period reld elements 180th Inf. 313th Inf (-) was heavily engaged during the period vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q8057). 1st Bn held positions on line (Q788375-794378). 2d Bn held defensive positions N of REIPERTSWILLER vic (Q803377). 1st Bn 314th Inf (atchd) attacked to NW from (Q803365) and reached the ridge vic (Q793367). 179th Inf continued to attack NE and at close of period was in heavy contact with 3 Bns engaged. Co C received a strong counterattack early in the period and withdrew to (Q755387). 1st Bn now holds line (Q740375-747382-756383). 2d Bn attacked to S from SARREINSBERG (Q7441) against strong enemy resistance but made little progress. 3d Bn attacked N towards the 2d Bn and advanced to line (Q727388-740385) against strong enemy resistance. 276th Inf held defensive positions along the line VOLKSBERG (Q6838)-WIMMENAU (Q7634) - INGWILLER (Q8130). 1st Bn vic WIMMENAU outposted line (Q751365-781350). Div CP opened (Q866314) at 1530A.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: The 315th Inf (-1st Bn), 314th Inf (-1st Bn) and the 3d Bn 313th Inf, except rear guards, completed withdrawal to posi-

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tions along MAGINOT Line (overlay). Rear guards withdrew to LAUTER R and by 1630A had closed in MAGINOT Line positions. TF HERREN: The 3d Bn 274th Inf completed withdrawal to MAGINOT Line positions in L of their zone. Rear guards closed in positions at 0330A. 79th Cav Rcn Tr reld elements of 274th Inf along RHINE R between SESSENHEIM (R1822) and OFFENDORF (R1312). Remaining elements 274th Inf were reld late in the period by the 1st Bn 232d Inf (TF LINDEN). 1st Bn 274th Inf moved to an assembly area vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338). 2d and 3d Bns assembled in BISCHWILLER (R0918) and at close of the period had begun movement to an assembly area vic LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929). TF HERREN CP opened LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929), atchd to 45th Inf Div upon arrival. TF LINDEN: 1st Bn 232d Inf reld 2d and 3d Bns 274th Inf on MAGINOT Line and RHINE R positions (overlay). Remainder of regt maintained defensive positions along RHINE R. 222d Inf (-) remained in res (overlay), 1st Bn moving to vic HOERDT (R0310). 242d Inf continued to maintain defensive positions along the general line (V8592-8589) - OBERNAI (V8184) and were alerted for movement to BRUMATH (R9714) morning 4 Jan.

b. FA:
(1) Arty on Corps L flank continued to be very active though limited visibility hampered Air OPs. Harassing fires were executed throughout the period, the heaviest being in the zone of the 45th Inf Div.
(2) 155th FA Bn and 132d FA Bn moved to XV Corps zone late in the period, reverted to control parent unit on closing destination.
(3) Rcn Co 636th TD Bn moved to XV Corps zone late in the period, reverted to control parent unit on closing destination.

c. AAA:
(1) 353d AAA S/L Bn (less Btries A, C and Det) closed in VI Corps area at 031230A, atchd VI Corps and 35th AAA Brig on arrival.
(2) No engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:
(1) 14th Armd Div: 19th Armd Inf Bn (-2 Plats Co A, 1 Plat Co C) atchd to 45th Inf Div. Co A 25th Tk Bn and Co A 47th Tk Bn atchd to 45th Inf Div. 117th Cav Rcn Sq (-) moved to assembly area vic RINGENDORF (Q8723) for reorganization and refitting. Tr C was atchd to 45th Inf Div. Tr A 94th Cav Rcn Sq patrolled road INGWILLER (Q8130)-WIMMENAU (Q7634) toward MEISENTHAL (R7240). 25th Tk Bn (-) and 47th Tk Bn (-) continued to block the passes in the INGWILLER (Q8130) - NIEDERBRONN (Q9338) area. 48th Tk Bn moved to IMBSHEIM (Q7922) - RIEDSHEIM (R8123) area. Remainder of Div remained assembled in res vic BOUXWILLER (R8126).
(2) Co B 191st Tk Bn reld of atchment to TF HERREN and reverted to parent unit, atchd 45th Inf Div.
(3) 781st Tk Bn (-Cos A, D) reld of atchment to 79th Inf Div and atchd to TF HERREN.
(4) 753d Tk Bn moved to XV Corps zone late in the period, atchd XV Corps on closing destination.

g. Cml: 83d Cml Mort Bn (-Co C) atchd to 45th Inf Div.
j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OI No 3 issued 032100A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 45th Inf Div continued to counterattack on the Corps L flank against increasing enemy resistance. Relief of the 180th Inf was completed and movement to the L flank to reinforce the counterattack force was in progress at the end of the period. TF LINDEN reld TF HERREN which in turn moved to the Corps L flank to develop defensive positions. Occupation of the MAGINOT Line positions was completed in the center of the Corps zone early in the period after all scheduled demolitions were accomplished.

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2 - Air Summary.

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SUMMARY AIR ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD 21 DEC 44 - 3 JAN 45

1. Enemy Air - (Source: 35th AAA Brig and 64th Ftr Wing):

a. During this period enemy planes were very active over the Corps area and on a much larger scale than any other period since D-Day. Me 109s and FW 190s continued to offer stiff resistance to our F/Bs with groups ranging from 20 to 25 planes bouncing various flights of F/Bs. Our claims for this period by American pilots were 52 enemy planes destroyed, 15 probably destroyed and 19 damaged; our losses were set at 12 with several others damaged but returning safely to base. Hostile planes were over the Corps area in greater numbers than ever before on reconnaissance and bombing and straffing missions with a total of approximately 266 enemy planes being reported by AA during the period. Tentative claims by AA were 12 enemy planes destroyed and 14 probably destroyed.

b. The following is a daily AA report for the period 21 Dec 44 - 3 Jan 45:

Date	Number of A/C	Mission of A/C	Our AA Claims
21 Dec	2	Recce	1 dest
22 Dec	37	Recce, unknown	2 dest, 1 prob
23 Dec	28	Recce, bombing & strafing	No claims
24 Dec	28	Recce, strafing	2 dest, 2 prob
25 Dec	6	Recce, unknown	1 dest
26 Dec	40	Recce, strafing	1 dest, 4 prob
29 Dec	17	Unknown, strafing	1 prob
30 Dec	21	Bombing and strafing	2 dest
31 Dec	46	Bombing and strafing	1 dest, 4 prob
1 Jan	20	Recce, strafing	1 dest, 2 prob
2 Jan	21	Recce, strafing	1 dest, 1 prob

No enemy action reported for 27, 28 Dec, 3 Jan

2. Friendly Air - (Source: Seventh Army ASC and 64th Ftr Wing):

a. Excellent flying weather thruout this 2 week period made it possible for fighter-bombers of the XII TAC to fly a total of over 300 missions of 3348 sorties and M/Bs 13 missions of 356 sorties. The bulk of the fighter-bomber effort was directed against enemy rail movement and a marked increase during this period enabled the F/Bs to inflict heavy damage on the enemy.

(1) Close Support: 32 missions, 354 sorties were flown on close support targets handled by Corps Fwd Control.

(a) Due to the tactical situation most of the F/B effort was directed to attack supply and troop movements and supply installations outside the BSL. The following is a brief summary of close support action for this past 2 week period:

21 Dec 44 - 3 missions, 34 sorties. Due to overcast bombs were dropped on towns of LANDAU and GERMERSHEIM.

22 Dec 44 - 3 missions, 36 sorties on rail targets E of the Rhine River.

23 Dec 44 - 5 missions, 60 sorties. All missions bombed thru overcast with no results being observed.

1 Jan 45 - 11 missions, 125 sorties. The main effort was directed to targets immediately in front of the Task Force Hudelson and the 45th Inf Div.

2 Jan 45 - 10 missions, 108 sorties flown with pribvity to Task Force Hudelson and 45th Inf Div.

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(2) General Support: The following is a brief summary of results observed by pilots:

	Destroyed	Damaged
Locomotives	79	246
Railroad cars	1470	3120
Buildings	250	234
Guns	4	22
Motor transports	128	272
Tanks	7	24
Marshalling yards		54
Factories	2	1
Bridges	4	1
Dumps	1	4
Oil tanks	10	
Radio towers	2	3
Rail cuts	87	
Road blocks	20	

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: See Incls 1, Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Incls 1, Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 36th Inf Div: Elements 141st Inf attacked at 1230A, reached positions at (Q745435) and (Q743433). 44th Inf Div: 71st Inf elements cleared woods at (Q6052). Elements 253d Inf attacked to cut road vic (Q615514). GROS REDERCHING (Q6252) occupied by enemy, but patrol found it clear later in day.
   b. II Fr Corps: No change in forward elements. Units commenced regrouping prior to relief of TF LINDEN by 3 DIA in the STRASBOURG area.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Bad weather limited F/Bs during the period to 14 missions of approx 158 sorties. A few rail and road rcns were made to the N of Seventh Army front with little movement seen.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally overcast with scattered light snow; visibility varied.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The Div continued its action to contain and reduce the enemy salient in the SARREINSBURG (Q7441) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) - PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) area. The 179th Inf remained in position during the day (overlay) improving its communication and defenses. All bns were in contact with the enemy during the period. The 180th Inf (-3d Bn) moved during the night to an assembly area vic (Q7434) and attacked at 1000A to the N. Moderate resistance was encountered and by the end of the period the 1st Bn had its leading Co at (Q760378) with the remainder of the Bn following, and the 2d Bn was along the line (Q770360) - (Q780360) receiving S/A fire from the E. The 3d Bn moved by daylight to WIMMENAU (Q7634) where it remained in res. The 313th Inf (-3d Bn) with the 1st Bn 314th Inf atchd remained heavily engaged during the period in the REIPERTSWILLER (Q8057) area. Before daybreak, unsuccessful attempts were made to reestablish contact with Cos A and C (313th Inf) which were cut off in WILDENGUTH (Q7837). The 1st and 2d Bns maintained positions previously reported (overlay) and made contact late in the period with Cos A and C, bringing supplies to them. During the day the 1st Bn 314th Inf, attacking to the N, reached the edge of SAEGMUHL (Q7937) where fighting continued at close of period. The

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45th Cav Rcn Tr maintained patrols between REIPERTSWILLER and UNTERMULTHAL (Q8539). The 275th Inf reorganized in place, with the 2d Bn holding positions in the open ground S of BREMENTHAL (Q8442), the 3d Bn holding positions vic PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) with its leading elements at (Q877428), and the 1st Bn in positions vic (Q878420) and (Q883415). The 1st Bn 274th Inf (atchd to 275th Inf) attacked through PHILIPPSBOURG towards the high ground N of the town, but made little progress against heavy resistance. In the sector of the 157th Inf (1st Bn 315th Inf atchd), considerable contact was made with the enemy vic DAMBACH (Q9244), and patrols were active across the front, but the sector was generally quiet. The 36th Engr C Regt, on the Div R, improved their defensive positions and patrolled extensively. TF HERREN with the 276th Inf and the 274th Inf (less 1st Bn) operated in the L of the 45th Inf Div zone. The 276th Inf with the 1st and 3d Bns engaged enemy who infiltrated into WINGEN (Q7335), while the 2d Bn moved during afternoon to take defensive positions vic (Q792345). The 274th Inf (-1st Bn) moved from BISCHWILLER (R0918), with the 2d Bn closing at PUBERG (Q6934), then moving to (Q700370), and the 3d Bn closing in ROTHBACH (Q8434).

(2) 79th Inf Div: The Div sector was quiet during the period, with only light enemy contact being made by patrols working well forward of their main positions. Along the RHINE R, TF LINDEN regrouped its units and continued to defend and patrol the river line. The 242d Inf after initiating move to the BRUMATH (Q9814) area, continued to N and commenced relief of the 314th Inf (-1st Bn) in position. The 1st Bn 232d Inf extended its positions to the S to include those of the 79th Rcn Tr, and positions of Co G on the island at STRASBOURG vic (W0497) were taken over by elements of 2d Bn 222d Inf. The 1st Bn 222d Inf moved to HOERDT (R0310). 79th Inf Div CP opened at HAGUENAU at 1340A.

b. FA:

(1) Arty was very active in support of 45th Inf Div operations, and poor visibility failed to prevent the firing of many air and ground-observed missions. Fire was placed on enemy guns, personnel and vehicles, and harassing and interdiction fire was placed throughout the sector and intensified where movements were reported.

(2) Co C (-1 Plat) 813th TD Bn was detached from 79th Inf Div and atchd to the 45th Inf Div effective 041700A Jan.

c. AAA: 436th AAA AW Bn moved to XV Corps area, reld from atchment to VI Corps on closing destination.

d. Armd: 14th Armd Div (-): The Div (-) remained in Corps res vic BOUXWILLER (Q8124). Tr A 94th Cav Rcn Sq maintained road patrols from INGWILLER (Q8130) toward WINGEN (Q7335) and REIPERTSWILLER (Q8036).

j. Misc: VI Corps OI No 4 was issued at 042200A Jan 45.

4. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div fought through the day, carrying on the Corps effort to contain and reduce the enemy salient SE of BITCHE. The 79th Inf Div held positions along the MAGINOT Line and the RHINE R. The 14th Armd Div remained in Corps res vic BOUXWILLER.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 032400A - 042400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 7 missions of 78 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. Targets attacked included MT, troop concentrations and gun positions with priority to 45th Inf Div sector. 38.64 tons of bombs were dropped and all targets strafed.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1330 hours.
(2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1325 hours on AO #55 with 12 a/c. "Horsefly" took squadron to MOUTERHOUSE enemy strong point.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs dropped on town of MOUTERHOUSE, 1 explosion and 2 fires started and 1 hit on main factory in town.

b. Mission #2.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1335 hours.
(2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1335 hours on AO #18 with 12 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) sent squadron to reconnoiter LEMBERG to BITCHE.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs dropped, 19 bombs on road at Q830449 cutting road in 4 places; 5 bombs on road at Q885510 cutting road in 3 places.

c. Mission #3.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1415 hours.
(2) Action: "Hepburn" leader checked into area at 1415 hours on AO #3 with 11 a/c. "Horsefly" took squadron to Q800402. "Elite Able" (45th Div) placed smoke on target.
(3) Results: 14 x 500-lb bombs dropped on bivouac area and horse drawn vehicles, no results observed.

d. Mission #4.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1420 hours.
(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1420 hours on AO #18 with 11 a/c. "Elite" turned squadron over to "Horsefly" who took squadron to guns at Q7545.

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(3) Results: 20 x 500-lb bombs dropped at Q850430, no results observed due to woods. Also strafed and observed small explosions. Enemy put white smoke southeast of target near our troops.

e. Mission #5.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1535 hours.
(2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1535 hours on AO #46 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to target one mile East of BITCHE.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs dropped on target 1 mile East of BITCHE, also strafed same area, 1 building damaged, no other results observed.

f. Mission #6.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1535 hours.
(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1535 hours on AO #34 with 8 a/c, "Elite Able" directed squadron to CAMP DE BITCHE.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on BITCHE, 4 direct hits in camp causing 2 large explosions, 13 buildings destroyed in town, 2 direct hits on secondary road causing road block.

g. Mission #7.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line for a call target. TOT 1610 hours.
(2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 1550 hours on AO #35 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to town southeast of BITCHE, squadron could not find target due to weather. "Elite" told squadron to cross EHINE River for any target of opportunity.
(3) Results: 22 x 500-lb bombs and 264 x 20-lb frags dropped on LIGHTENAU, all bombs in town, no results observed.

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Incls 1, Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div retook GROS REDERCHING (Q6252). 141st Inf reverted to control of parent unit at 1500A. Active patrolling continued throughout sector.
   b. II Fr Corps: Quiet during the period with continued patrolling. Began relief of elements TF LINDEN in STRASBOURG area.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Heavy bombers attacked targets in the PIRMASENS - KAISERLAUTERN area leaving several fires burning and the targets well covered. F/Bs which did not attack close in targets made rail and rd rcn, effecting good results on communications facilities.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold, clearing at 1600A; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 157th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt sector quiet during period. Patrols pushed well forward during the period. 275th Inf with 1st Bn 274th Inf atchd, attacked to the NW at daylight with 3d Bn on the L, 1st Bn on the R and 1st Bn 274th Inf in center. 1st Bn 274th Inf attacked an completed the clearing of PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) and pushed to positions NW of the town. 1st Bn 275th Inf pushed Cos A and C to the NE to establish contact with 157th Inf on R and at the end of the period, A Co was moving into a position at (Q900437). Elements 3d Bn pushed to (Q854420) and established contact with 1st Bn 274th Inf on the R. 2d Bn reached a general line (Q854417) - (Q855395) - (Q843408) and made contact with elements of 3d Bn. 313th Inf (1st Bn 314th Inf atchd) held in the vic of REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037) with the 2d Bn on the R, held WILDENGUTH (Q7938) with the 1st Bn on the L and pushed N in the center with the 1st Bn 314th Inf, reaching (Q796383) against very heavy resistance. 180th Inf renewed their attack with 2 Bns at 0800A, 1st Bn on the L and 2d Bn on the R. S/A, mortar and MG fire was received and by the end of the period, a general line (Q763384) - (Q775382) had been reached. B Co 179th Inf established firm contact with elements of 1st Bn 180th Inf on R after repulsing several small groups attempting to penetrate behind the Co position. Pressure was continually exerted on MEISENTHAL (Q7241) and to the NE and SE thereof between the 2d Bn on the L and the 3d Bn on the R. Blocks on all roads in the sector were maintained. 2d Bn 274th Inf remained in defensive position on the line VOLKSBERG (Q6839) - ROSTEIG (Q7137). 3d Bn continued to organize defensive positions on the high ground in the vic of ROTHBACH (Q8534). 1st and 3d Bns 276th Inf continued to press on WINGEN (Q7336) from the W and SE and at the end of the period had cleared all but one small section in the E of the town. 2d Bn maintained its position on the high ground in the vic of (Q795347).
      (2) 79th Inf Div: 2d and 3d Bns 314th Inf were reld in MAGINOT Line positions by 1st and 3d Bns 242d Inf and command of the sector passed to CO 242d Inf at 0715A. On completion of the relief the 2d and 3d Bns 314th Inf assembled in the SOULTZ (R1037) area, moved to BISCHWILLER late in the afternoon 5 Jan to secure that area. 2d and 3d

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Bns 315th Inf were reld in MAGINOT Line positions by the 1st and 3d Bns 222d Inf at 1800A. Upon completion of the relief, the 2d Bn 315th Inf assembled in KUTCHENHAUSEN (R0637) and the 3d Bn in PREUSCHDORF (R0438). Cos of 1st Bn 232d Inf took up positions at (R1625), (R1822), (R1518) and established a rd block at (R129169) and area, atchd to 242d Inf in position. 232d Inf (-1st Bn) with 2d Bn 242d Inf, 2d Bn 222d Inf, D Tr 94th Cav Rcn Sq, 1 Plat 79th Rcn Tr and 1 Plat A Co 781st Tk Bn atchd, began operations in the GAMBSHEIM area to destroy enemy forces which had forced a crossing of the RHINE R in that area early in the period. The attack was launched in two elements as follows: one from WEYERSHEIM (R0513) consisting of 2d Bn 242d Inf, E Co 222d Inf, E Co 232d Inf, D Tr 44th Cav Rcn Sq, 1 Plat 79th Rcn Tr and 1 Plat A Co 781st Tk Bn, to the E, which had reached the woods N of GAMBSHEIM and was still heavily engaged at the end of the period; the second from WANTZENAU (R0707), consisting of 2d Bn 232d Inf, 2d Bn 222d Inf (-E Co) and 1 Co 3d Bn 232d Inf, to the NE, had cleared KELSTETT (R0909) and was pushing NE under heavy S/A fire.

(3) 3 DIA: 3 DIA began the relief of elements of TF LINDEN, atchd VI Corps until completion of relief. 2d Bn 232d Inf, 2d Bn 222d Inf and elements of 3d Bn 232d Inf were reld in the STRASBOURG area. 3 Bns of 4 RTT moved to positions vic (W0291), (W0497) and (V9999), atchd 79th Inf Div upon completion of relief. 1st Bn 3 RTA now en-route to the vic of (R0603).

b. FA:

(1) Regrouping continued throughout the sector to meet the threat in the GAMBSHEIM area. Many harassing missions were fired during the night by both Div and Corps Arty on main road junctions, approaches and concentration areas. During the day, several successful observed missions were fired on enemy personnel in the attack zone. A counterbattery shoot was completed by Corps Arty on a twelve gun btry location from 1140A to 1600A with four direct hits made.

(2) 69th Armd FA Bn reld atchment to 45th Inf Div and reverted to Corps control effective 1900A.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 1 engagement with enemy aircraft during the period, no results..

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: The Div (-) remained in Corps res, assembled vic of BOUXWILLER (Q8125).

(2) Tr D 94th Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz) and Co B 47th Tk Bn atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 051200A.

j. Misc: VI Corps OI No 5 was issued at 051900A Jan.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The Corps continued to contain and reduce the salient in the L of the sector. TF LINDEN reld elements of the 79th Inf Div in the MAGINOT positions in its sector. 3 DIA began relief of elements TF LINDEN in the STRASBOURG - GAMBSHEIM area. 79th Inf Div regrouped its forces during the period and late in the period launched an attack to destroy enemy forces which had forced a crossing to the W of the RHINE R in the GAMBSHEIM area.

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1 - Overlay
2 - Close Air support for period

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TO
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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 042400A - 052400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, VI Corps)

1. General: 7 missions of 78 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. The effort was directed to the sector of the 45th Inf Div until 1350A, when priority was given to Rhine River crossing sites in the GAMBSHEIM area. 40 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1100 hours.
(2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1100 hours on AO #17 with 12 a/c. "Elite" turned squadron over to "Horsefly" who led squadron to troop concentrations, MT, horse drawn artillery and armored vehicles moving South at Q835435.
(3) Results: 18 x 500-lb and 6 x 260-lb bombs dropped on target. 4 MTs destroyed, 2 horse drawn vehicles destroyed, 9 MTs damaged, 1 armored vehicle damaged; also strafed. 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs dropped on town at Q7942. No results observed.

b. Mission #2.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1220 hours.
(2) Action: "Hepburn" leader checked into area at 1220 hours on AO #2 with 12 a/c. "Elite" told squadron to reconnoiter across the Rhine.
(3) Results: 12 x 500-lb bombs dropped at R034675. 2 rail cuts made, 20 boxcars destroyed, 15 boxcars damaged, 1 road block created. Strafed convoy at R105671 to R152671. 1 MT destroyed.

c. Mission #3.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1350 hours.
(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1350 hours on AO #18 with 12 a/c. "Elite" sent squadron to pontoon bridge at R137098. No bridge seen so squadron dropped bombs in woods at R137096.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 12 x 260-lb bombs dropped on troop concentrations in woods at R137098. No results observed. Strafed same area and damaged 1 gun position.

d. Mission #4.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1355 hours.
(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1335 hours on AO #19 with 11 a/c. "Elite" sent flight to barracks 2 miles Northeast of BITCHE (Q8052).
(3) Results: 22 x 500-lb and 11 x 260-lb bombs dropped on target at Q8052. 6 buildings destroyed.

e. Mission #5.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1400 hours.
(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1407 hours on AO #38 with 8 a/c. "Elite" sent squadron to pontoon bridge at R136098. Bridge was out, so squadron bombed barges on the East bank of Rhine.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on barges between R113073 and R139100. 3 direct hits on 3 sixty foot barges destroyed barges. 13 hits scattered along woods near R128082.

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f. Mission #6.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1415 hours.
(2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1415 hours on AO #20 with 12 a/c. "Elite" directed squadron to pontoon bridge at R136098. Flight could not see bridge.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 12 x 260-lb bombs dropped on RR tracks at R0703. No results observed.

g. Mission #7.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1445 hours.
(2) Action: "Crawford" leader checked into area at 1410 hours on AO #37 with 11 a/c. "Elite" told flight to bomb BITCHE.
(3) Results: 22 x 500-lb bombs dropped on BITCHE. 2 direct hits on fort in center of town. No results observed.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div: 114th Inf attacked at 0800A with 3 Bns abreast; good progress was made but enemy counterattacks at 1300A forced a withdrawal to general line (Q616542) to (Q613549) and (Q603555) to (Q590556). 36th Inf Div: 142d Inf completed the relief of the 141st Inf in the LEMBERG (Q7445) area.
   b. II Fr Corps: Sector quiet. Normal patrol contacts maintained.
   c. XII TAC: No missions flown because of bad weather.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cool, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th and 180th Infs renewed their attacks at 0900A. The 3d Bn 180th Inf passed through the 2d Bn and, together with the 1st Bn 180th Inf and 1st Bn 179th Inf, succeeded in clearing the WILDENGUTH (Q7837) - MEISENTHAL (Q7140) road as far W as the enemy road block at (Q725398). The 3d Bn 179th Inf was still attempting to reduce this block from the N at the end of the period. Late in the afternoon 1st Bn 180th Inf repulsed a counterattack vic (Q761391). After being reld by elements of the 2d Bn 180th Inf in WILDENGUTH, the 1st Bn 313th Inf moved to the SE and by the end of the period had cleared PICARDIE (Q8136). 1st Bn 314th Inf continued to the N and occupied the high ground vic (Q787384) against stiff resistance. 275th Inf with the 1st Bn 274th Inf atchd, continued to reorganize and improve positions during the period in the PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742)-DAMBACH (Q9244) area. Contact was made with Co I 275th Inf which had been isolated on the high ground N of PHILIPPSBOURG for 3 days. The unit was successfully withdrawn. Co B 275th Inf reported to be in same area, remained in position. A strong counterattack vic PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) was successfully repulsed by the 1st Bn 274th Inf late in the period without loss of ground. The sectors of the 157th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt were generally quiet during the period. Patrol to CLIMBACH (R0848) made contact with an enemy patrol in that area. TF HERREN: 1st and 3d Bns 276th Inf and the 2d Bn 274th Inf continued to engage the enemy still holding out in WINGEN (Q7336). 2d Bn 276th Inf moved NE to assist the 1st Bn 313th Inf in clearing the LICHTENBERG (Q8135) area and at the end of the period had taken up positions along the S edge of the town. 3d Bn 274th Inf moved its main elements from the high ground N of ROTHBACH (Q8534) and established road blocks in the VOSGES passes at (Q842352) and (Q886361). 45th Inf Div CP opened in INGWILLER (Q812303) at 1345A.

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      (2) 79th Inf Div: In the L of the Div zone active patrols operated in front of the MAGINOT positions to maintain contact with the enemy. At 1750A an outpost of the 1st Bn 222d Inf on INGOLSHEIM (R1441) was forced back to the MLR. In the R of the Div zone operations continued to destroy the enemy bridgehead W of the RHINE R in the GAMBSHEIM (R1010) - DRUSENHEIM (R1518) area. Elements of Co B 232d Inf were surrounded in STATTMATTEN (R1921) early in the period but 79th Cav Rcn Sq reinforced with a plat of medium tanks moved N through BISCHWILLER (R0818), cleared SESSENHEIM (R1822) and STATTMATTEN and reld the encircled group. At 0900A the 2d Bn 314th Inf attacked to the E from

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BISCHWILLER, cleared ROHRWILLER (R1217) and DRUSENHEIM (R1518) and at the end of the period Co E was in position along the E edge of the woods at (R148177) with the remainder of the Bn in the S portion of the town. 3d Bn 314th Inf assembled in ROHRWILLER. 2d Bn (-) 242d Inf and 2d Bn (-) 222d Inf continued their attack to the E, reached the woods at (R105117) but an enemy counterattack forced them to withdraw W of the canal at (R087120) where they reorganized preparatory to renewing the attack. The 2d and 3d Bns 232d Inf continued their attack to the NE and reached the S edge of BETTENHOFFEN (R1009).

(3) 3 DIA: 3 RTA closed in an assembly area vic SOUFFEL - WEYERSHEIM (R0004), completed the relief of the remaining elements of the 232d Inf and occupied Bn positions vic (R0310), (R0606) and (R0201).

b. FA:

(1) Arty with Corps fired a very heavy program during the period supporting the attacks in the GAMBSHEIM and REIPERTSWILLER areas. A heavy harassing program was also fired over the entire Corps front covering the road nets and possible bridge sites. Low ceiling prevented any air OP adjustments but ground OPs were able to get many observed missions on enemy personnel, machine guns, mortars and vehicles.

(2) 242d FA Bn was atchd to VI Corps.

(3) 827th TD Bn was atchd VI Corps effective 061800A, was enroute to an assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) at the end of the period.

c. AAA:

(1) 522d AAA AW Bn (SP) was atchd to VI Corps effective 061800A, Btry B supporting CCA 12th Armd Div enroute to assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) at the end of the period.

(2) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: Div was atchd to VI Corps effective 061800A. CCB enroute to an assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8717) at the end of the period.

(2) 14th Armd Div: 25th Tk Bn was reld of the blocking mission in the VOSGES passes in the INGWILLER (Q8130) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) area, moved to Co assembly areas vic INGWILLER, BISCHHOLTZ (Q8532), and ZINSWILLER. Trs A and B 94th Cav Rcn Sq maintained a screen from WEITERSWILLER (Q7628) to ZINSWILLER throughout the period. CCA was atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 061815A, commenced movement to an assembly area N of SURBOURG (R0834) late in the period.

j. Misc: VI Corps OI No 6 was issued at 061930A Jan.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div renewed its attack to the N to reduce the salient in the L of the Corps zone against stiff resistance, the main portion of the REIPERTSWILLER - MEISENTHAL road having been cleared by the end of the period. Elements of TF LINDEN and the 314th Inf continued to reduce the enemy bridgehead in GAMBSHEIM area, clearing ROHRWILLER, DRUSENHEIM, SESSENHEIM and STATTMETTEN. CCA 14th Armd Div was atchd to the 79th Inf Div and commenced to move to an assembly area N of HAGUENAU. The 12th Armd Div was atchd to the Corps; CCB commenced to move to the vic of HOCHFELDEN. Relief of TF LINDEN by elements of 3 DIA was completed but command of the sector had not yet changed at the end of the period.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div continued attack against stiff opposition, and 114th Inf reached vic (Q634535). 2 DB, 36th Inf Div, 100th Inf Div and 106th Cav Gp: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: Enemy penetration vic OBENHIM (Q9503) progressed rapidly N, with tks reaching the southern edge of KRAFFT (V9880). 3 DIA: Operation against GAMBSHEIM (R1110) bridgehead resulted in the capture of 60 PWs and the destruction of 2 enemy tks. Elements of 3 DIA entered GAMBSHEIM but withdrew to vic KILSTETT (R0908) for the night due to enemy pressure. Div took command of sector at 1915A.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Weather prevented any attacks.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold with visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf: Scheduled atk was delayed while units mopped up strong groups of enemy attempting to filter out of WINGEN (Q7335) area. Atk started in early afternoon and 1st Bn advanced to (Q750396) against considerable resistance. 2d Bn with elements 19th Armd Inf Bn atkd SE from SARREINSBERG (Q7441) and reached vic of (Q743407). 3d Bn held along a line from (Q727398) to (Q737397). 1st Bn 180th Inf received a strong enemy atk which it repulsed successfully. The Bn then counterattacked and pushed the enemy back to a line generally along road from (Q754387) to (Q774385). The remainder of the regt remained in positions and cleared up small parties of infiltrating enemy troops. The 157th Inf, 36th Engr C Regt, and 275th Inf continued to improve defensive positions and maintained active patrols. 313th Inf, with 1st Bn 314th Inf atchd, continued to atk N against strong enemy resistance, and gained positions with the 1st Bn 314th Inf at (Q798386), followed by the 1st Bn 313th Inf to the right rear vic (Q806377). 2d Bn 313th Inf remained in res vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037). TF HERREN completed the clearance of enemy from WINGEN (Q7335) and cleared main enemy pocket E of LICHTENBERG (Q8135) as far as the ROTHBACH - REIPERTSWILLER rd. 1st Bn 276th Inf started move to assembly area vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631), and 2d Bn 276th Inf to area vic (Q8735). The 2d Bn 274th Inf began move from WINGEN to the 275th Inf sector vic (Q8739). Tr C 117th Cav Rcn Sq began move from Div area to

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rejoin parent unit at approx 1530A.

(2) 79th Inf Div: CCA 14th Armd Div, atchd to Div, closed vic SOULTZ (R1037) at 070530A Jan. 827th TD Bn also atchd to 79th Inf Div moved to Div area. 3d Bn 313th Inf repulsed several enemy atks supported by tks, but outposts were forced back to MLR S of STUNDWILLER (R1836), and ASCHBACH (R1817), which towns the enemy occupied. The 1st and 3d Bns 222d Inf had little activity, with infiltration attempts by the enemy in vic of DRACHENBRONN (R0943). 2d Bn 315th Inf moved to KUHLENDORF (R1335) to support the 3d Bn 313th Inf. The 2d Bn 314th Inf atkd to the S from DRUSENHEIM (R1618) but was forced back to town by hvy enemy counterattacks supported by tks. 3d Bn advanced against hvy SA and tk fire in the BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM area to (Q144178).

(3) 3 DIA: Elements of the Div atkd from vic KILSTETT (R0809) and succeeded in entering GAMBSHEIM (R1110), but were forced to withdraw to starting point because of hvy enemy pressure. 7 friendly tks were lost and 2 enemy tks destroyed. Div assumed command of TF LINDEN area at 071915A Jan 45, and passed to control of First Fr Army.

b. FA:

(1) Though hampered by fog and snow, effective fire on tks and personnel was conducted. A total of 3 enemy tks were destroyed, and excellent concentrations were registered on massed inf preparing to atk. A very hvy harassing program was carried on over the Corps front and the program was continued during the daylight hours.

(2) 17th FA Gp with 975th and 977th FA Bns closed in the SURBOURG (R0834) area, and were atchd to VI Corps upon arrival.

(3) 827th TD Bn was atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 071200A.

c. AAA:

(1) Par 5 c (1) G-3 Report No 6 amended to read 572d AAA AW Bn.

(2) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: CCB closed assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) at 070930A Jan 45. It was atchd to 79th Inf Div at 1200A, and moved to general area BISCHWILLER (R0918), GRIES (R0517), TEYERSHEIM (R1513). Remainder of Div commenced move to VI Corps area. CCR closed in Div assembly area vic OHLUNGEN (Q7723) at 072400A. 12th Armd Div CP opened vic HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) at approx 071600A.

j. Misc:

(1) VI Corps OI No 7 issued at 072200A Jan 45.

(2) Boundary changed between Seventh Army and First Fr Army effective 071915A Jan 45.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 3 DIA completed relief of TF LINDEN and assumed command of sector under control of First Fr Army. In the 79th Inf Div sector five atks were repulsed on the front of the 3d Bn 313th Inf, and several German tks destroyed. Operations against the GAMBSHEIM salient continued with little progress being made. The 45th Inf Div cleared the WINGEN pocket and the road to LICHTENBERG, continued its attack to the N and made some gains against very stubborn resistance. CCB and CCR of 12th Armd Div closed in the HOCHFELDEN area.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 062400A - 072400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 1 mission of 4 sorties was flown in close support of VI Corps. A complete overcast at the bases prevented any other aircraft from taking off. Poor visibility and overcast also prevailed over front line area most of day.

2. Details:
   a. Mission #1.
   (1) Request: 4 a/c to reconnoiter movement on the Rhine from STRASSBOURG to GAMBSHEIM (R135095). TOT 1130 hours.
   (2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area on AO #30 with 4 a/c. "Elite" told flight to reconnoiter enemy river crossing site at GAMBSHEIM (R135095).
   (3) Results: 4 x 500-lb bombs were dropped. 7 MT destroyed on East side of crossing, 3 MT damaged on the West side.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 44th Inf Div: An enemy attack vic (Q608548) at 0400A was broken up by arty fire. 100th Inf Div: Enemy attacked at 0400A and penetrated to REMLING (Q6565). 397th Inf counterattacked to restore the lines. 399th Inf attacked to NE, cleared SPITZBERG (Q7447), reached (Q7448) and (Q7547) against stiff opposition. 36th Inf Div: 1st Bn 142d Inf attacked at 0800A and reached the high ground S of REYERSWILLER (Q7549). 2 DB and 106th Cav Gp: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: The enemy continued heavy pressure on ROSSFELD (W9171) and HERBSHEIM (W9272). Elements 1 DMI counterattacked from the SAND (W9075) - OSTHOUSE (W9278) area and at close of day were in close contact with enemy vic (W9373). 3 DIA: Sector quiet. 3d Inf Div: 254th Inf Regt reld elements 1 DIM in HUNAWIHR (V6949) - RIBEAUVILLE (V6855) area. Div launched a successful diversionary attack in AMMERSCHWIHR (V6647) area and reached Hill 616 vic (V6346).
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Due to weather, effort limited to one mission.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold with light snow fall, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf continued to attack at 0800A. The 1st Bn made little progress against increasing enemy resistance. 2d Bn, with elements of 19th Armd Inf Bn, made slight advances against considerable enemy resistance and held positions at (Q741409), (Q745403) and (Q747413) at the close of the period; other elements held SARREINSBERG (Q7441) and GOETZENBRUCK (Q7442). 3d Bn cleared the enemy road block vic (Q725398) after a stiff fight and advanced to line (Q738398) - (Q740404). 3d Bn 180th Inf received a strong enemy attack at 0800A and withdrew to vic (Q788384) and (Q791387). 2d Bn attacked through the 3d Bn to restore the original positions and advanced to the line (Q786389) - (Q791387) against heavy enemy resistance. 1st Bn made slight advances on its R flank to (Q770385). 1st Bn 157th Inf reld 2d Bn on positions, 2d Bn (-) assembled vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338) with Co G at (Q925430) in res. The 36th Engr C Regt and 275th Inf sectors remained quiet during the period and contact with the enemy was maintained by active patrols. The 313th Inf continued to attack N. 1st Bn 314th Inf attack made no progress against stiff enemy resistance. Co C moved to (Q792386) to protect Bn L flank. 1st Bn 313th Inf also met stiff resistance, Co A worked around in rear of Hill 336 (Q809379) to (Q811380) in an attempt to dislodge enemy in front of Bn but was withdrawn late in the period. 2d Bn occupied blocking positions N of LICHTENBERG (Q8135) along line (Q814370) - (Q828364). TF HERREN continued movement from Div L flank. 2d Bn 274th Inf closed in assembly area vic OBERBRONN (Q9038). 3d Bn was being reld by 2d Bn 276th Inf at close of the period. 1st and 3d Bns 276th Inf closed in assembly area vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q8631). 275th Inf maintained and improved defensive positions in the PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) - BAERENTHAL (Q8442) area.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: The 222d Inf continued to maintain its positions along

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the MAGINOT line. 2d Bn closed in assembly area vic SOULTZ (R1137) in the afternoon. 3d Bn 313th Inf repulsed repeated tank and inf attacks throughout the morning from the vic ASCHBACH (R1837) and STUNDWILLER (R1836) without loss of ground. After 1200A the pressure decreased and the enemy withdrew. 242d Inf sector remained quiet during the period. 2d Bn moved to assembly area vic RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). 1st Bn 232d Inf continued to improve positions in zone. 2d Bn assembled vic LA WANTZENAU (R0606) and moved to occupy positions across the WEYERSHEIM (R0413) - GAMBSHEIM (R1110) road on line (R083117) - (R090126) blocking to the E. 3d Bn assembled in CAMP DE OBERHOFFEN (R0821). The 314th Inf attacked S from DRUSENHEIM (R1518) and ROHRWILLER (R1217) but made little progress against stiff resistance. 2d Bn was unable to establish a bridgehead over canal S of DRUSENHEIM. Co F reached edge of woods vic (R147175) where a local counterattack was repulsed late in the afternoon. 3d Bn advanced from ROHRWILLER (R1217) at 1000A and reached (R131163) - (R135166) while elements vic (R140170) repulsed a small enemy counterattack. 79th Cav Rcn Tr found several towns to NE of SESSENHEIM (R1822) clear of enemy. CCA 14th Armd Div remained in res vic SOULTZ (R1037). CCB 12th Armd Div closed in the BISCHWILLER (R0918) - WEYERSHEIM (R0413) area and attacked to S from ROHRWILLER (R1217) at 1045A. 714th Tk Bn attacked S on W side of the canal and at close of the period had reached a line (R115150) - (R120163). 56th Armd Inf Bn attacked S on E side of the canal and reached positions on line (R126161) - (R130163)

b. FA: Arty fire was heavy and very effective during the period. Fair visibility enabled the air and ground OPs to bring effective fire on tanks, troop concentrations and enemy btries. Heavy harassing fire was continued on STUNDWILLER (R1836) and ASCHBACH (R1837) during the period.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 4 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, no claims.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div (-): Remained in the BOUXWILLER (Q8125) area in Corps res. 94th Cav Rcn Sq (-) maintained a screen from WEITERSWILLER (Q7628) to ZINSWILLER (Q8935).

(2) 12th Armd Div (-): Corps res. 92d Cav Rcn Sq (-) established a screen on Corps R flank from WEYERSHEIM (R0513) to WASSELONE (Q8004).

f. Cav: Tr C 117th Cav Rcn Sq reld atchment to 45th Inf Div and reverted to control parent unit, atchd to 14th Armd Div. Closed in unit assembly area.

g. Cml: Co A 83d Cml Mort Bn reld by Co C. Co C reverted to control 83d Cml Mort Bn (atchd 45th Inf Div), Co A reverted to Corps control on completion of the relief.

h. Engr: 40th Engr C Regt completed construction of Cl 40, 105', 1-way timber br at ROHRWILLER (R124172).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 45th Inf Div continued its attack to the N making local gains against stiff enemy resistance. An enemy attack forced a slight withdrawal in 180th Inf sector but a counterattack to restore our original positions was successful. 79th Inf Div repulsed continued enemy tank and inf attacks on MAGINOT positions vic ASCHBACH. CCB 12th Armd Div attacked to S from ROHRWILLER but were held up by blown bridges and made little progress.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 072400A - 082400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 5 missions of 47 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. Towns attacked were: LUDWIGSWINKEL, MOUTERHOUSE and OBSERSEEBACH. 18 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:
   a. Mission #1.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0940 hours.
      (2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 0910 hours on AO #32 with 7 a/c. Requested flight to reconnoiter GAMBSHEIM area and area in front of the 79th Inf Div. Flight saw no movement. "Elite" sent squadron to LUDWIGSWINKEL Q948930.
      (3) Results: 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped on LUDWIGSWINKEL Q948930; 4 bombs hit in center of town, destroyed 3 buildings; 4 bombs hit South of town, damaged 2 buildings.
   b. Mission #2.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0950 hours.
      (2) Action: "Crawford" leader checked into area at 0850 hours on AO #30 with 11 a/c. "Elite" sent squadron to MOUTERHOUSE Q795425.
      (3) Results: 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped in woods North of MOUTERHOUSE, large explosion with red flames 18 x 500-lb bombs dropped in MOUTERHOUSE, starting 4 small fires.
   c. Mission #3.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0950 hours.
      (2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1015 hours on AO #15 with 12 a/c. "Brutus Red" (2 Photo and Armed Rcn P-51's) observed great activity North of BITCHE. "Elite" directed "Gatepost" to "Brutus" rendezvous. "Brutus" led "Gatepost" to target.
      (3) Results: 8 x 500-lb and 4 x 260-lb frag bombs dropped at Q895490 on 10 tanks, 8 horse drawn vehicles, 4 MT and 1 passenger car. Claims: destroyed 1 tank, 4 horse drawn vehicles, 1 MT and damaged 4 MT. 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs dropped at Q781582, 4 direct hits on 2 large tanks destroyed both. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb dropped at Q784533, 1 direct hit on 1 large tank, destroyed tank. 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs dropped at Q921455 on 1 tank, 1 half-track, 3 MT and 1 passenger car, destroyed 1 tank, 1 MT and damaged 1 half-track, 2 MT and 1 passenger car. Strafed and damaged 3 light machine gun positions, damaged 1 building and set supplies on fire outside of building. Strafed at Q917460, damaged 5 half-tracks, 10 horse drawn vehicles, 5 MT all headed toward BITCHE. Strafed at Q915480 and damaged 10 half-tracks and 15 MT going West. At Q782530, destroyed 1 MT. At Q790540 damaged 3 horse drawn vehicles. At Q795549, damaged 1 MT, 1 passenger car and 1 horse drawn vehicle. At Q785585, damaged 1 MT going South. At Q780589, destroyed 1 passenger car. At Q772548, damaged 1 flak gun.
   d. Mission #4.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1000 hours.
      (2) Action: "Hillman" leader checked into area at 0945 hours on AO #18 with 6 a/c. "Elite" tried to direct flight to R1310.
      (3) Results: Flight was jumped by 13 FW-190's at R2015, flight jettisoned their bombs. No claims, no losses.

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e. Mission #5.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1235 hours.

(2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 1200 hours on AO #33 with 11 a/c. "Elite" sent squadron to "Elite George" (79th Div) who sent squadron to OBSERSEEBACH R185415.

(3) Results: 2 hits Southeast of town, 2 hits Northwest edge of town, 18 hits in town, 3 buildings destroyed, 4 buildings damaged.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 100th Inf Div: Still engaged in restoring positions vic RIMLING (Q6555). 44th Inf Div: Attack by 114th Inf for railroad line (Q591560) - (Q603551) was unsuccessful.
   b. II Fr Corps: Continued enemy attack on 1 DMI forced withdrawal from BOOFZEIM (V9670), while friendly Inf captured Lock 79 W of OBENHEIM (V9673). 3d Inf Div withdrew from Hill 616 which had been occupied in demonstration 8 Jan.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: A total of 13 missions, 107 sorties, were flown during the period. Only the area E of the RHINE R was open due to weather and so all flights were directed to this area. Targets attacked included M/Ys and communications lines. Seven of the above missions were handled by the fwd controller, VI Corps, and are summarized in Incls 2.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally overcast and cold with light snow; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: During the night, the 2d Bn 179th Inf established contact with the 3d Bn. The day was spent in regrouping and mopping up enemy groups, particularly between the 2d and 3d Bns. The SARREINSBERG (Q7441) - WINGEN (Q7335) road was cleared of enemy. Elements of the 19th Armd Inf Bn (atchd to 179th Inf) attacked to RJ (Q758408), but heavy fire forced them to take a defensive position at (Q755408). The 180th Inf continued its attack to the N, making only slight gains against stubborn enemy resistance. Late in the day it repulsed a strong counterattack against the 2d Bn positions vic (Q790388). The 313th Inf attacked in a northeasterly direction, also meeting stiff opposition from the enemy. Its 1st Bn seized the hill at (Q810381). The 2d Bn in its drive toward high ground at (Q825378) occupied hill at (Q820374). 1st Bn 314th Inf (atchd to 313th Inf) maintained heavy pressure against the enemy but failed to advance. The 276th Inf attacked to the NW with its 3 Bns and advanced against light resistance. Its 2d Bn advanced to the general vic of (Q8437), while the 1st Bn reached its objective at (Q838382) and cleared the town of OBERMUHLTHAL (Q8439). The 3d Bn advanced to (Q852369) where it halted for reorganization. The sector OF TF HERREN was quiet during the period, with the 3d Bn 274th Inf closed in an assembly area vic ROTHBACH (Q8434), and later relieved the 1st Bn 275th Inf, which on completion of its relief, moved to vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338). 2d Bn remained assembled in OBERBRONN (Q9038). The sectors of the 157th Inf and the 36th Engr C Regt were quiet during the period, both units having many patrol contacts with the enemy.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: After probing attacks in the early morning against the 3d Bn 313th Inf vic STUNDWILLER (R1836) and the 242d Inf vic HATTEN (R1733), both of which were repulsed with no loss of ground, a strong attack by tanks and Inf was launched against the 1st Bn 242d Inf shortly after midday on the axis NIEDERROEDERN (R2234) - HATTEN. Quickly penetrating the 242d Inf MLR, the enemy advance succeeded in partly surrounding HATTEN, while other enemy vehicles moved on toward RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). A sharp reply by arty and TDs broke the momentum of the attack. A counterattack force of the 2d Bn 315th Inf reinf, commencing movement from RITTERSHOFFEN toward HATTEN, found the enemy already withdrawing and therefore was not employed. At the end of the

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day the 1st and 2d Bns 242d Inf were fighting in HATTEN in an effort to restore the MLR E of the town. During the attack the 2d and 3d Bns 315th Inf moved to RITTERSHOFFEN and LEITERSWILLER (R1536) respectively CCA 14th Armd Div remained in reserve. Operations to reduce the GAMBSHEIM (R1110) bridgehead continued during the period. An enemy attack by Inf and SP guns at 0915A forced elements of the 3d Bn 314th Inf and the 56th Armd Inf Bn back across river at (R130168). The 3d Bn 314th Inf succeeded in regaining its positions at (R132165) and the 56th Armd Inf pushed on to HERRLISHEIM (R1214) where it cleared the N part of the town after a stiff fight. Tank elements of CCB 12th Armd Div crossed the bridge at (R130165) during the late afternoon. A second enemy attack against 3d Bn 314th Inf by tanks and Inf during the evening was repulsed. The 2d Bn 314th Inf remained in N part of DRUSENHEIM (R1518), receiving heavy enemy fire. 1st and 2d Bns 232d Inf maintained their positions, and the 3d Bn in reserve moved to vic SCHIRRHOFFEN (R1322).

b. FA: Following a heavy harassing program fired against areas thought to be sheltering enemy troops, arty with the Corps gave concentrated and effective support to the 79th Inf Div in breaking up enemy attacks through the day. Fire was placed on infantry and on vehicles, with several tanks reported knocked out. Arty support was also given to the advance of the 45th Inf Div and to the operations against the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 3 engagements with enemy aircraft during period, no claims.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: The Div less CCB remained in the HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) - HAGUENAU (R0324) area in Corps reserve. 92d Cav Rcn Sq (-) maintained a screen on Corps R flank.

(2) 14th Armd Div: The 94th Cav Rcn Sq continued to screen the area from WEITERSWILLER (Q7625) to ZINSWILLER (Q8935). Tr B reverted to parent unit control from attachment to the 79th Inf Div. Co A 25th Tk Bn reverted to parent unit control from attachment to the 45th Inf Div. The remainder of the Div (less CCA and elements of 19th Armd Inf Bn) remained in Corps reserve vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125).

h. Engr: 40th Engr C Regt completed bridge at (R130168).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div made small gains in its zone during the day, meeting strong resistance from the enemy. The 79th Inf Div broke up several attacks against its MAGINOT Line positions including one strong attack which penetrated the MLR and virtually surrounded the town of HATTEN, with some enemy elements by-passing the town and moving on toward RITTERSHOFFEN. Positions were being restored at the end of the day. On the RHINE, elements attacking the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead reached HERRLISHEIM, and cleared the N part of the town.

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TO
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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 082400A - 092400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control, Hq VI Corps)

1. General: 7 missions of 62 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. Because of a low overcast over the entire Corps front during the day no flights were able to reach the area of the heavy attack by armor in the R of the sector. All flights were diverted to targets on the E side of the Rhine. 22.5 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1345 hours.
(2) Action: "Hepburn" leader checked into area at 1330 hours on AO #2 with 7 a/c. "Elite" told flight to recce Rhine crossing and area East of Rhine.
(3) Results: 7 x 500-lb bombs and 2 x 100-lb bombs dropped at R549770 on 8 barges, all bombs were near misses, no results were observed.

b. Mission #2.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1350 hours.
(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1325 hours on AO #15 with 10 a/c. "Elite" told squadron to reconnoiter GAMBSHEIM area.
(3) Results: 12 x 500-lb and 5 x 260-lb bombs dropped; 4 x 500-lb and 2 x 260-lb bombs on town at R2014; 4 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb bomb on town at R125045; 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb on 3 gun positions; 1 destroyed and 2 damaged. 1 light gun position strafed and damaged at R1508; 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 260-lb on town at R2813, no results observed.

c. Mission #3.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1335 hours.
(2) Action: "Hilman" leader checked into area at 1324 hours on AO #18 with 8 a/c. "Elite" told flight to reconnoiter area BERGZABERN to BITCHE.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb and 8 x 100-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yard at R8854; 2 hits destroyed 1 building and 20 cars, and damaged marshalling yard.

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d. Mission #4.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1505 hours.
   (2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1323 hours on AO #31 with 7 a/c. "Elite" instructed flight to reconnoiter area East of WISSEMBURG.
   (3) Results: 14 x 500-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yards at RASTATT, destroying 6 boxcars and damaging 3; 2 buildings were also destroyed.

e. Mission #5.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1545 hours.
   (2) Action: "Starry" leader checked into area at 1600 hours on AO #3 with 12 a/c. "Elite" instructed flight to reconnoiter area East of GAMBSHEIM.
   (3) Results: 15 x 500-lb and 6 x 100-lb bombs dropped on RASTATT near marshalling yards. 6 buildings destroyed believed to be warehouses.

f. Mission #6.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1545 hours.
   (2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1500 hours on AO #16 with 7 a/c. "Elite" sent flight to SELTZ area to look for tanks.
   (3) Results: All bombs jettisoned when flight was jumped by 10 plus Me 109s. Claim: 5 Me 109s destroyed.

g. Mission #7.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1600 hours.
   (2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1550 hours on AO #17 with 11 a/c. "Elite" sent flight to marshalling yards at RASTATT.
   (3) Results: 22 x 500-lb and 11 x 100-lb bombs dropped; 20 x 500-lb and 10 x 100-lb bombs dropped on RASTATT marshalling yards; marshalling yards damaged, no other results observed. 2 x 500-lb and 1 x 100-lb bombs dropped on BADEN BADEN; destroyed 2 buildings by direct hits.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: Elements 36th Inf Div began relief of 179th Inf in the R of the new sector (Overlay). 100th Inf Div continued heavy fighting to regain the former positions in the RIMLING (Q6555) area. Attack by elements 44th Inf Div continued on the railroad line against heavy resistance.
   b. II Fr Corps: Elements 1 DMI encircled at GERSTHEIM (V9776) withdrew successfully to OBENHEIM (V9573). 3d Inf Div (US) continued active patrolling along entire front.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: A total of 14 missions of 287 sorties were flown in support of the entire Seventh Army. Targets attacked consisted of supply dumps, M/Ys, tanks and M/T.
      (2) Close support: None during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy and cold with thick ground haze, clearing after 1300A; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The relief of the 19th Armd Inf Bn (-) by elements of 3d Bn 179th Inf was begun, assembled vic (Q7241) preparatory to movement to the 14th Armd Div assembly area vic BAUXWILLER (Q8124) 11 Jan. Elements of the 1st Bn 179th secured the trail junction at (Q750393) during the morning while the 2d and 3d Bns continued to clear the ridge S of SARRIENSBURG at (Q745403). 1st Bn continued to attack NE and reached the line (Q752396) - (Q744395). Elements of the 2d and 3d Bns attacked ALTHORN (Q7541) from the N and W and were heavily engaged in the town at the end of the period. Continuing the attack against very strong resistance, the 180th Inf made little progress. 1st and 2d Bns carried out probing efforts to determine an attack route while the 3d Bn was held up entirely. After a quiet night, the 1st Bn 314th attacked at 0900A against determined opposition and reached the vic of (Q795382). 2d Bn 314th Inf pushed rapidly to the N and seized the high ground at (Q818389). After these initial gains pressure was exerted but little progress has been made in the face of the determined resistance. At 0700A, 276th Inf attacked to the NW with 3 Bns abreast, with the 1st and 3d Bns on the R advancing against moderate resistance initially. Opposition increased as the attack progressed and the 1st Bn had reached the line (Q837389) - (Q842388) on the R, 2d Bn the line (Q832375) - (Q835378) and the 3d Bn had moved to a reserve position on the high ground at (Q853382). TF HERREN continued active patrolling and improved defensive positions. Elements of the 2d Bn 275th Inf reld elements of 276th Inf on L in the town at (Q846393). K Co 275th Inf reld C Co 274th Inf in position, C Co moved to a reserve position at (Q880427). 2d Bn 274th Inf moved to an assembly area at (Q905410). 157th Inf sent a patrol to the vic of (Q9847) and engaged an estimated enemy platoon. No change in dispositions during the period.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: The 242d Inf and elements of 315th Inf continued to clear the town of HATTEN (R1733) in an effort to restore the positions along the MAGINOT Line. An attack was received by tanks and Inf from the NE at 1030A and infiltration attempts were made. 2d Bn 315th Inf was committed during the afternoon and together with the 2d Bn 242d Inf continued the attack and at the end of the period had elements in the E of the town and were clearing it against heavy opposition. The effor

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to reduce the enemy bridgehead in the GAMBSHEIM area continued. An enemy attack at 0130A against the 3d Bn 314th Inf was repulsed and the 56th Armd Inf Bn fighting in the N part of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) was hard pressed throughout the night. 2 Cos of the 714th Tk Bn were sent to reinforce the elements in the town and the situation was restored. By the end of the period two-thirds of the town had been occupied, but the resistance continued very strong. 2d Bn 314th Inf remained in DRUSENHEIM (R1518).

b. FA: During the night, heavy harassing fire was laid down in the area W of SELTZ (R2732). TOTs were fired on assembly points, enemy occupied towns, and crossing sites in GAMBSHEIM area. Air OPs made successful adjustments on enemy tanks with direct hits on 2 tanks.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 4 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period with one enemy aircraft destroyed.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: The Div less CCB remained in Corps reserve in the HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) - HAGUENAU (R0324) area. A and C Trs 92d Cav Rcn Sq maintained a screen on the Corps R flank.

(2) 14th Armd Div: Trs A and B 94th Cav Rcn Sq continued to screen along the WEITERSWILLER (Q7625) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) road. Co A 47th Tk Bn rejd attchmnt 45th Inf Div, reverted to control of parent unit and closed in the Div assembly area. Remainder of Div less CCA remained in Corps reserve in the vic of BUCKWILLER (Q8725).

j. Misc: Boundary between XV Corps and VI Corps was changed in accordance with Hq Seventh Army directive dated 8 Jan 45, effective 100001A (Overlay).

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div maintained pressure on the enemy in the L of the sector, making local gains during the period. The 79th Inf Div continued its effort to restore the MAGINOT Line positions in the HATTEN area and to carry out operations for the reduction of the enemy bridgehead in the GAMBSHEIM area. The 12th and 14th Armd Divs less 1 CC each, remained in Corps reserve.

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DETTWILLER (Q802172), FRANCE
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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 103d Inf Div: 411th Inf cleared BEHREN (Q4263). An attack to sieze the high ground at (Q3964) and the town of OETING (Q3963) made some progress against stiff resistance. 44th Inf Div: Improved positions 2 Km NE of WOELFLING (Q5954). 100th Inf Div: Improved positions on Hill 427 (Q7447) which was siezed 10 Jan. 36th Inf Div and 2 DB: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: The garrison in OBENHEIM (V9673), encircled since 9 Jan, was overrun by strong enemy Inf elements early in the period. The enemy attacks continued towards BENFELD (V8974), ROSSFELD (V9171) and HERBSHEIM (V9272) during the afternoon, all points held firm at the end of the period. 3d Inf Div (US) and 3 DIA: No change.
   c. XII TAC: Bad weather prevented any air activity during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and overcast with heavy ground haze; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The relief of the 19th Armd Inf Bn was completed and the bn closed in the new 14th Armd Div assembly area vic (Q9833). The 179th Inf continued to press on to the NE, cleared ALTHORN (Q7440) and mopped up scattered enemy on the high ground S of the town. Co F was reld in SARREINSBERG (Q7441) by elements of the 36th Inf Div. 1st Bn 179th Inf reld 1st Bn 180th Inf in its R flank. At 0730A the 2d Bn 180th Inf received a heavy counterattack which forced it, along with the 3d Bn, to withdraw after heavy fighting to the line of the road from (Q770387) to (Q792377). The 1st Bn 314th Inf regrouped during the morning to positions from (Q793376) to (Q799387) to counteract the heavy pressure resulting from the attack against the 180th Inf on the L. Positions remained firm until late in the afternoon when an attack forced a withdrawal to (Q795376). The 276th Inf continued its attack to the NW against stiffening resistance, the 3d Bn passed thru the 1st Bn which later assembled vic (Q8638). 2d Bn 157th Inf moved to an assembly vic REIPERTSWILLER (Q8037) during the afternoon, attacked at 2130A to restore positions formerly held by the 180th Inf. Leading elements reached (Q795381) but were forced to stop because of enemy fire. The sectors of TF HERREN, 157th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt remained generally quiet with little change in positions reported during the period. Patrols in this zone remained active, gaining enemy contact generally along the 46 Northing.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: Heavy pressure from enemy Inf and tanks continued throughout the day in the RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) - HATTEN (R1733) area. The 2d and 3d Bns 315th Inf were in close contact in the southern portion of HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN with small elements of the 48th Tk Bn operating in both towns. During the morning CCA 14th Armd Div occupied defensive positions E of KUHLENDORF (R1335) from (R144342) to (R141357) and the 2d Bn 222d Inf occupied positions along the line (R150354) to (R169354). CCA attacked at 1615A to clear RITTERSHOFFEN but little progress was made. At 0215A, CCB 12th Armd Div withdrew from HERRLISHEIM (R1214) after being heavily engaged in the town

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during the previous period. The 714th Tk Bn assembled vic BISCHWILLER (R0818) while the 56th Armd Inf Bn established a defensive line from (R120170) to (R096154). The 2d and 3d Bns 314th Inf continued to hold the general line (R132164) - (R146175) - (R160180) while 2d Bn 232d Inf held the bridge at (R087120).

b. FA: Because of very poor visibility during the period, a large number of the targets that were engaged were unobserved missions. A very heavy harassing program was carried on throughout the Corps zone with particular attention being paid to the approaches to the HATTEN area and to the L of the Corps zone.

c. AAA:
(1) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.
(2) Hq & Hq Btry 5th AAA Gp moved to vic MORHANGE (Q2037) 11 Jan, reld atchment to VI Corps and 35th AAA Brig and atchd to XXI Corps on arrival destination.

d. Armd:
(1) 12th Armd Div: No change.
(2) 14th Armd Div: The screen being maintained by Trs A and B 94th Cav Rcn Sq along the WEITERSWILLER (Q7625) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) road were withdrawn. The 19th Armd Inf Bn reld atchment to 45th Inf Div and reverted to control parent unit effective 101200A Jan, closed in an assembly area vic (Q9833). 14th Armd Div (-CCA) moved to a forward assembly area vic of MORSBRONN (R0033) during the morning. Div CP opened vic MORSBRONN (R008343) at 1405A.

f. Cav: 117th Cav Rcn Sq was reld of atchment to 14th Armd Div and reverted to Corps control. Maintained motorized security patrols throughout the general area BOUXWILLER (Q8124) - HAGUENAU (R0323) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) - WEYERSHEIM (R0412) - BRUMATH (Q9714) - TRUCHTERSHEIM (Q9006) - WASSELONNE (Q7804) - SAVERNE (Q7215).

h. Engr: 540th Engr C Regt occupied defensive positions late in the period on the high ground N of the WINGEN (Q7335) - WIMMENAU (Q7634) road.

j. Misc:
(1) Hq VI Corps OI No 8 issued 110800A.
(2) Hq VI Corps OI No 9 issued 111730A.
(3) Hq VI Corps OI No 10 issued 112100A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: In the L of the Corps zone local gains were made and the town of ALTHORN was cleared. However, a strong attack forced the withdrawal of the 180th Inf to a line generally along the road running W from WILDENGUTH. A night attack by the 2d Bn 157th Inf was only partially successful in restoring the previous positions of the 180th Inf after encountering stiff resistance. Heavy fighting continued throughout the day in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area with Inf and tanks in close contact in both of the towns. After heavy fighting in HERRLISHEIM on 10 Jan CCB 12th Armd Div withdrew to defensive positions SE of BISCHWILLER. Early in the period the 14th Armd Div (-) moved to a forward assembly area in the vic of MORSBRONN.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: The garrisons of ROSSFELD (V9171) and of HERBSHEIM (V9272) withdrew to HUTTENHEIM (V8872) under considerable enemy pressure. An enemy attack launched towards the bridge at OSTHOUSE (V9578) was stopped by Inf and arty. 3d Inf Div (US) and 3 DIA: No change.
   c. XII TAC: Bad weather prevented any air activity during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold and overcast with heavy ground haze that cleared slightly late in the afternoon. Visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 179th Inf continued its atk to the NE with the 2d and 3d Bns abreast gaining ground against stiff resistance, to positions at (Q753408) and (Q759402). The 1st Bn atkd to the N and established positions along the rd from (Q749389) to (Q767387). 1st Bn 180th Inf assembled early in the period, atkd through the 2d Bn at 1430A and seized high ground vic (Q780389). 2d Bn and 3d Bn continued to dig in and improve positions. 2d Bn 157th Inf pushed fwd against heavy resistance to gain line from (Q799385) to (Q792383) where they tied in with the 2d Bn 180th Inf on their L. The 1st and 2d Bns 313th Inf maintained contact with the enemy by active patrolling, no change in positions. 1st Bn 314th Inf followed behind the atk of 2d Bn 157th Inf and reld that Bn on reaching its objective. 1st Bn 276th Inf, with the 2d Bn on the L and the 3d Bn on the R, moved fwd to engage enemy atk directed from the NW. The enemy atk was halted and the 276th Inf advanced to establish positions from vic (Q827383) generally NE to (Q832390). Cos A and G of the 275th Inf continued their atks and gained objectives on the high ground at (Q833397) and (Q834404) against heavy SA fire. In the sectors of the 157th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt the activity was limited to vigorous combat patrols into enemy positions.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: The activity in the sector continued to center around HATTEN (R1733) and RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533). The 3d Bn 315th Inf was in heavy contact in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) where efforts to clear the town were being made with the assistance of CCA 14th Armd Div. The 2d Bn 315th Inf was also heavily engaged in HATTEN (R1733). CCB 14th Armd Div

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was unable to enter the town and the Inf elements were still cut off at the end of the period. Remainder of the Div zone remained generally quiet.

b. FA: 240mm fire was directed against the communication center of WISSEMBOURG (R1548) and enemy assembly points in STUNDWILLER (R1836) and ASCHBACH (R1837). Heavy counter battery fire was placed on the area between SELTZ (R2732) and WISSEMBOURG (R1548) to silence guns firing against the 79th Inf Div and the 14th Armd Div. TOTs were fired early in the afternoon on CAMP de BITCHE (Q8150), EQUELSHARDT (Q8246) and MOUTERHOUSE (Q7942). Operation of Air OPs was limited due to weather.

c. AAA:

(1) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

(2) 62d AAA Gun Bn moved to vic MORHANGE (Q2037) 12 Jan, reld atchment to VI Corps and 35th AAA Brig, atchd to XXI Corps on arrival destination.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: CCA reverted to control of parent unit, renewed their atk from the vic KUHLENDORF (R1435) and reached RITTERSHOFFEN, where the joined with the 3d Bn 315th Inf, and were still heavily engaged at the end of the period. CCB atkd through positions of the 79th Inf Div and advanced to vic (R170345), but was forced back to positions along the LEITTERSWILLER (R1536) - RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) road by intense arty and SA fire. The 94th Rcn Sq maintained patrols between SOULTZ (R1137) and HOFFEN (R1537).

(2) 12th Armd Div: Maintained rcn screen along Corps S boundary, otherwise no change.

h. Engr: 256th Engr C Bn atchd to VI Corps, closed in assembly area vic STEINBOURG (Q7618).

j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OI No 11 issued 121100A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Local gains were made despite stiff resistance in 45th Inf Div zone. Several small enemy atks were repulsed, and two hills lost in recent actions were retaken. Heavy fighting continued in the HATTEN area, with CCA and CCB of the 14th Armd Div engaged in an atk to restore the MAGINOT Line positions in that sector.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 103d Inf Div and 106th Cav Gp in the L of the Corps zone, passed to control of XXI Corps at 131200A. Other units no change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI repulsed three enemy raids S of SELESTAT. Other units no change.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: A total of 30 missions, 343 sorties were flown in support of the Seventh Army. Most of the effort was directed to rail and road cuts and supply installations to the N and NE.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, with ground haze that cleared mid-morning. Visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf continued to atk to the NE at 0900A with 1st and 3d Bns, against stiff enemy resistance. 3d Bn reached (Q760402) and 1st Bn advanced to the line (Q761398) - (Q764386). 2d Bn maintained close contact with the enemy during the period. 180th Inf resumed the atk at 0800A with 1st and 3d Bns abreast. 1st Bn encountered stiff enemy resistance and made no advance. 3d Bn reached (Q786385) where it encountered considerable S/A and MG fire at the close of the period. 1st Bn 314th Inf was atchd to 180th Inf and maintained close contact with the enemy. 313th Inf (-3d Bn) continued active patrolling and maintained contact with the enemy. 2d Bn 157th Inf, after being relieved by 1st Bn 314th Inf, relieved the 2d Bn 276th Inf on line (Q820382) - (Q827383). After being relieved by 2d Bn 274th Inf vic DAMBACH (Q9244), the 1st Bn 157th Inf relieved the 3d Bn 276th Inf vic (Q831385). 3d Bn 157th Inf assembled in a res position vic (Q843365) after being relieved by the 1st Bn 276th Inf and made preparations to atk thru 2d Bn morning 14 Jan. 1st Bn 36th Engr C Regt was reld by elements of 2d and 3d Bns early in the period, moved to the vic of ZINSWILLER (Q8935) and reld elements of 1st Bn 275th Inf vic (Q835398). 2d Bn 36th Engr C Regt was reld by 1st Bn 275th Inf late in the afternoon and began to move to the E to relieve 2d Bn 275th Inf. The 2d Bn 274th Inf reld 1st Bn 157th Inf on positions early in the period.

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Remainder of the Regt continued to improve their positions vic PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742). Elements of 1st Bn 275th Inf were reld by 1st Bn 36th Engr C Regt. Later in the period the 1st Bn 275th Inf reld the 2d Bn 36th Engr C Regt on the R flank of the Div. 1st Bn 276th Inf reld the 3d Bn 157th Inf on position early in the period. 2d Bn reld 1st Bn 315th Inf on position. 3d Bn 276th Inf commenced move to vic (Q9941) to relieve the 3d Bn 36th Engr C Regt. 1st Bn 315th Inf moved to vic LICHTENBERG (Q8035) prepared to relieve the 313th Inf (-3d Bn).

(2) 79th Inf Div: The 222d Inf and 3d Bn 313th Inf continued to maintain defensive positions (Overlay). 1st and 2d Bns 242d Inf reld the 3d Bn, now hold positions with 1st Bn on line (R180323) - (R172303) and 2d Bn on line (R172303) - (R200288). 3d Bn assembled vic (R1731) and patrolled along woods between (R160322) and (R180323). The sector of 232d Inf and CCB 12th Armd Div remained quiet during the period.

b. FA: Good visibility assisted the conduct of many observed missions, though the high wind hampered the operation of AOPs during the period. Lines of communication and troop assembly areas were fired on by both Div and Corps Arty. An arty preparation was fired for the atk of the 14th Armd Div and roads vic HATTEN were harassed during the atk.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 4 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, one enemy aircraft destroyed.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: Div continued its counterattack in the RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) - HATTEN (R1733) area. CCA with 3d Bn 315th Inf continued its atk on RITTERSHOFFEN and elements of 48th Tk Bn were successful in cutting the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN road although they were unable to completely isolate the town. Late in the period an enemy counter-attack of inf and tks towards RITTERSHOFFEN from HATTEN was repulsed without loss of ground. CCB attempted to outflank HATTEN from the NE but after three attempts was forced to withdraw by intense arty and AT fire from the direction of BUHL (R1935). CCR moved to assembly area vic NIEDERBETSCHDORF (R1333) and atkd at 0800A to the R of RITTERSHOFFEN toward HATTEN. Late in the afternoon the 19th Armd Inf Bn reached the W edge of HATTEN against stiff enemy resistance and gained contact with 2d Bn 315th Inf which had been isolated in the town.

(2) 12th Armd Div (-): Continued its screening mission on Corps R flank.

h. Engr: 31st Engr C Bn atchd VI Corps, closed in assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (R8125).

j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OI No 12 issued 130800A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div made minor gains against very stiff enemy resistance on the Corps L flank. 14th Armd Div made some progress during a day of heavy fighting in the HATTEN sector. An enemy counterattack on RITTERSHOFFEN was repulsed late in the period without loss of ground.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 122400A - 132400A

1. General: 3 missions of 42 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. 1 mission of 6 sorties dropped supplies in town of HATTEN. 19 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:
   a. Supply Drop:
      (1) Request: 6 a/c to drop supplies at HATTEN. TOT 1215 hours.
      (2) Action: "Kismet" leader checked into area at 1220 hours on AO #55 with 6 a/c. "Elite George" controlled and placed smoke on town of HATTEN.
      (3) Results: 12 bags of supplies were dropped at HATTEN. No ground signals preceded the dropping of the bags. No results observed.
   b. Mission #1.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to circle and reconnoiter front line area for a call target. TOT 1315 hours.
      (2) Action: "Kismet" leader checked into area at 1320 hours on AO #46 with 12 a/c. Contacted "Horsefly" at BITCHE, who directed flight to target.
      (3) Results: Squadron could not locate the target, so dropped 24 x 500-lb and 8 x 100-lb bombs on EQUELSHARDT (Q8247); 4 hits in town, no results observed.
   c. Mission #2.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1500 hours.
      (2) Action: "Torso" leader checked into area at 1535 hours on AO #6 with 12 a/c. "Elite Fox" placed smoke on target, but flight could not locate target.
      (3) Results: Flight bombed 3 small power buildings at Q731716; did not hit power buildings but destroyed 3 buildings nearby.
   d. Missions #3.
      (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1200 hours.
      (2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1200 hours on AO #15 with 12 a/c. "Horsefly" directed flight to target and dropped red flares on H/D vehicle column.
      (3) Results: 16 x 500-lb and 8 x 100-lb bombs were dropped on towns at Q795425 and Q772411. No results observed. Strafed and damaged 4 MT at Q8143, 1 horse drawn vehicle destroyed at Q8144 and 1 building damaged at Q8140.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 36th Inf Div: The 141st Inf reld the 143d Inf in position. The 142d Inf moved to XXI Corps sector to cover relief of 103d Inf Div. Other units no change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 1 DMI: Patrols discovered small enemy bridgehead W of EHL (Q9174) on the ILL R. Other units: No change.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: A total of 41 missions, 471 sorties were flown in support of Seventh Army. Priority was given to rail and road cuts and supply installations to the N and NE.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Generally clear and cold, visibility good.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The Div continued its attack in L of the zone while maintaining positions and carrying out reliefs on the R. The 179th Inf attacked in its zone at 0830A and met stiff resistance from S/A fire and arty fire, and encountered numerous anti-personnel mines. Its 1st Bn advanced to (Q765400) while leading elements of the 2d Bn reached (Q761408), and the advance of the 3d Bn was held at (Q760403). The attack of the 180th Inf made little progress against determined opposition. Counterattacks were repulsed in the early morning by the 1st Bn vic (Q973385) and by the 2d Bn vic (Q793384) during the day. The enemy also attempted to infiltrate the 3d Bn outpost positions vic (Q774388). The 1st Bn 314th Inf maintained its positions while the 1st Bn 315th Inf took over the positions of the 313th Inf (-3d Bn) 313th Inf (-3d Bn) assembled vic (Q815363) and commenced movement at 0900A to SURBOURG (R0834) where it reverted to control of its parent unit. The 36th Engr C Regt completed the relief of the 275th Inf, on completion of the relief, the 3d Bn 275th Inf moved to a res position vic (R0541) and the 2d Bn assembled vic (Q8940). The 1st Bn 275th Inf maintained its positions on the Div R flank, making contact with the 79th Inf Div. The 276th Inf maintained patrols to the 46 North- ing in its sector. Elements of the 3d Bn 274th Inf advanced to the high ground at (Q8954?3), while 1st Bn elements moved abreast of it on the L. The 409th Inf closed in an assembly area vic LAMPERTSLOCH (R0640) and commenced the relief of 275th Inf late in the period,

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(2) 79th Inf Div: The 313th Inf (-3d Bn) closed vic HERTZWILLER (R1237) and reverted to Div control at 1330A. The 222d Inf and 242d Inf maintained positions previously held on either side of the 14th Armd Div sector. The 232d Inf (-2d Bn) extended its positions to include the towns of ROESCHWOOG (R2225) and KAUFFENHEIM (R2128). The 314th Inf (-1st Bn), the 2d Bn 232d Inf, and CCB 12th Armd Div remained in place in the DRUSENHEIM (R1618) - ROHRWILLER (R1217) area along the Corps R flank with patrols operating toward HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and the ZORN R.

(3) Adv CP 103d Inf Div opened in REICHSHOFFEN (Q9537).

b. FA: Counterbattery comprised the major part of firing done by the Corps Arty, as German guns continued to shell Corps sector heavily. Special attention was paid to the BAERENTHAL (Q8342) - EQUELSHARDT (Q8246) area, and missions were fired to aid in the attack on RITTERSHOFFEN, and to repel the counterattacks on HATTEN.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 5 engagements with enemy aircraft during period; no results claimed.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: The 92d Cav Rcn Sq (-) continued to screen the Corps S flank. The Div (-) remained assembled in the HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) - HAGUENAU (R0323) area.

(2) 14th Armd Div: CCA with 3d Bn 315th Inf resumed its attack at 0900A in RITTERSHOFFEN and made small advances against heavy opposition, repelling a counterattack by tanks and inf at 1430A. CCB held in its positions supporting the attacks of CCA and CCR by fire. CCR made contact with and supplied the 2d Bn 315th Inf in HATTEN during the night. The attack on the town was renewed at 0800A progressing as far as the line (R176339) - (R177335). A strong counterattack at 2210A by enemy inf and tanks forced a withdrawal to the southern part of town, where fighting was in progress at end of period.

f. Cav: 117th Cav Rcn Sq continued to maintain road security patrols in Corps rear area.

g. Cml: Co A 83d Cml Mort Bn was atchd to the 12th Armd Div effective 141200A.

h. Engr: 343d Engr C Regt was reld of atchment to VI Corps at 140001A.

j. Misc:

(1) VI Corps OI No 13 issued at 140800A.

(2) VI Corps OI No 14 issued at 141800A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div continued its attack in the L of its zone, making slight gains against heavy opposition, and at the same time continued the regrouping of its forces on the R. The 103d Inf Div commenced relief of elements of TF HERREN. The 79th Inf Div maintained its positions, extending to include the villages of ROESCHWOOG and KAUFFENHEIM. The 14th Armd Div renewed its attack in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN, made some progress, but a counterattack near the close of the period at HATTEN caused a withdrawal to the southern part of the town.

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INCLS #2
TO
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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL, VI CORPS 132400A - 142400A

1. General: 3 missions of 36 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. 18 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 0930 hours.
   (2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 0920 hours on AO #45 with 12 a/c. "Elite" turned squadron over to "Elite Fox #1" (CCA 14th Armored Div) who directed squadron to town of BUHL (R199351) an enemy strong point. "Elite Fox #1" marked target with smoke.
   (3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 7 x 100-lb bombs were dropped on town at R199351. 2 buildings damaged, 1 MT damaged, 2 church steeples at W end of town were strafed, believed to be enemy OP.

b. Mission #2.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1310 hours.
   (2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1245 hours on AO #53 with 12 a/c. "Elite" turned squadron over to "Elite Fox #1" who gave squadron target of BUHL. Target was marked with smoke.
   (3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs were dropped on town of BUHL. 6 gasoline fires started in West side of town, no results observed. Strafed and damaged 3 locomotives, made 1 rail cut.

c. Mission #3.
   (1) Request: 12 a/c to reconnoiter and circle front line area for a call target. TOT 1430 hours.
   (2) Action: "Hillman" leader checked into area at 1410 hours on AO #29 with 12 a/c. "Elite Able" (45th Div) gave squadron a target at Q772410.
   (3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 12 x 260-lb bombs were dropped on enemy headquarters of 4 buildings at Q772410. Good concentration of bombs destroyed 2 buildings and damaged 2. 1 bomb fell in woods West of Hq causing large explosion. The area was also strafed thoroughly. 1 building strafed and damaged at Q680415.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: Quiet throughout the sector during the period.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Bad weather during most of the day limited F/Bs to 11 missions of 132 sorties in support of the Seventh Army. Attacks were again carried out on communications targets with good effect.
      (2) Close support: None during the period due to bad weather.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold with heavy ground haze; visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: Continued to maintain present positions while exerting pressure on the enemy in the L and R of sector and carrying out limited objective attacks in the center. 179th Inf continued active patrolling with no change in position. 180th Inf regrouped to withdraw the 3d Bn which assembled in the vic of REIPERTSWILLER (Q8036) during the afternoon, moved N and reld the 1st Bn 314th Inf in position by 2215A. 1st Bn maintained close contact with the enemy with no change in position. 2d Bn, after regrouping, maintained its present positions and kept active patrols to the front. 1st Bn 314th Inf after completion of the relief began movement to rejoin parent unit in the BISCHWILLER (R0918) area. 1st Bn 315th Inf pushed N against S/A, mortar and arty fire and seized positions in the vic of (Q809389) with 2 Cos. 3d Bn 157th Inf pressed to the NW against considerable S/A and arty fire and gained new positions along the line (Q813394) - (Q819393). At 1620A a counterattack was received on the L of this line which was repulsed with no loss of ground after stiff fighting. 1st Bn extended its positions to the R, taking up a line (Q836384) - (Q838386) and establishing firm contact with the 36th Engr C Regt on the R. 2d Bn assembled in res position prepared to relieve the 1st Bn 315th Inf 16 Jan. 1st Bn 36th Engr C Regt, pushing NW, continued clearing the enemy from the high ground vic (Q843398) and had advanced elements as far as (Q838401). Firm contact was established with the 1st Bn 157th Inf on the L. 2d and 3d Bns maintained contact with the enemy by active patrolling. 1st Bn 274th Inf on the L, attacked to the N with one Co against S/A and MG fire, seized the high ground at (Q878434) and began consolidating that position. To the R of the 1st Bn, a local counterattack was received which was contained and driven off. 2d Bn maintained present positions. 1st and 2d Bns 276th Inf maintained their defensive positions and began preparations for relief by elements 103d Inf Div. In the R of the Div sector, 1st Bn 275th Inf and 3d Bn 276th Inf were reld in position by the 409th Inf (overlay). Upon completion of the relief, the 275th Inf began movement to XXI Corps sector, closing in new area at 1840A. 3d Bn 276th Inf moved to an assembly area at GOERSDORF (R0139). The sector of the 409th Inf was generally quiet during the period.

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(2) 79th Inf Div: The 222d and 242d Infs maintained positions on the L and R respectively of the 14th Armd Div zone (overlay). 2d Bn 315th Inf remains heavily engaged in HATTEN while the 3d Bn continued to fight in RITTERSHOFFEN. 313th Inf (-1st Bn), 232d Inf and CCB 12th Armd Div remained in position and maintained probing patrols in DRUSENHEIM (R1618) - HERRLISHEIM (R1214) area.

(3) 103d Inf Div: 410th Inf began movement from XXI Corps zone, atchd VI Corps on arrival.

b. FA:

(1) Many observed missions were fired during the period on tanks, pillboxes, personnel and counterbattery with excellent results. Harassing fire on assembly areas and lines of communications was carried out during the period.

(2) 69th Armd FA Bn moved to XXI Corps zone, reld atchment to VI Corps,

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: CCA, with 3d Bn 315th Inf, continued its attack on RITTERSHOFFEN against steady determined resistance. CCB sent probing patrols to the front and supported the attack of CCA and CCR by fire. CCR with 2d Bn 315th Inf received two counterattacks in HATTEN from the E during the night at 0120A and 0545A which were contained after bitter fighting. At 1440A, while preparing to launch an attack of our own at 1500A, the enemy again attacked, with an estimated Bn of inf supported by tanks. Very heavy fighting resulted and continued until 1715A, when tanks of CCR counterattacked and succeeded in reaching the inf elements and drove the enemy from the S and W portions of the town. The attack was then pressed until the main RJ in the E side of the town (R177339) was secured. At the end of the period, positions were being consolidated.

(2) 12th Armd Div: The Div (-) remained in Corps res in the HOCHFELDEN (Q8317) - HAGUENAU (R0323) area. Preparations were made for an attack on 16 Jan to destroy the enemy pocket W of the RHINE R. 92d Cav Recn Sq withdrew the screen which was being maintained on the Corps S flank late in the period.

f. Cav: 117th Cav Recn Sq maintained road security patrols in the Corps rear area.

j. Misc: VI Corps OI No 15 was issued at 151700A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 45th Inf Div continued its regrouping program and maintained pressure on the enemy while the 103d Inf Div continued with the relief of elements of TF HERREN. The 14th Armd Div (with 2d and 3d Bns 315th Inf) contained repeated enemy attempts to penetrate our positions in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN and by a counterattack, restored positions in the S and W portions of HATTEN and the main RJ in the E edge of the town. The 12th Armd Div made preparations for an attack to reduce enemy pocket W of the RHINE R on 16 Jan.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 3 DIA: In conjunction with the attack of the 12th Armd Div, the 3d Bn 3 RTA launched a diversionary raid at 0730A. The attack from KILSTETT (R0808) succeeded ~~in reaching~~ (R097096) but heavy resistance prevented any further advance towards GAMBSHEIM (R1010). Other units no change.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: M/Bs attacked the bridge in RASTATT with good effect. F/Bs flew a total of 39 missions of 487 sorties in support of the Seventh Army. Line of communications targets and supply installations were attacked again but on a smaller scale due to the increased close support effort.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold with ground haze; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: All units in the L of the Div zone continued to improve their positions while 103d Inf Div continued with the relief of TF HERREN on the R. At 1900A a strong enemy patrol was repulsed by our road block at (Q763390). The 157th Inf attempted to shorten its line by closing the gap between the 3d Bn 157th Inf and 1st Bn 36th Engr C Regt but little progress was made. At 1500A the 3d Bn 157th Inf received a strong counterattack from the N and NE which was repulsed without loss of position although some enemy infiltrated S to the 390 Northing. At the end of the period the AT Plat, A & P Plat and Bn Hq Co were mopping up scattered enemy in rear of main Bn positions. The 2d Bn 157th Inf reld the 1st Bn 315th Inf in position which closed in assembly area vic (R1536) at 1600A, reld of atchment to 45th Inf Div and reverted to control parent unit. Local attacks and strong patrol activity continued on the front of the 274th Inf, ~~all of which were successfully~~ repulsed. The 410th Inf closed in the NIEDERBRONN (Q9338) area at 1415A. The 1st Bn 410th Inf reld the 2d Bn 276th Inf by 1030A, the 3d Bn 410th Inf reld the 1st Bn 276th Inf by 1445A, and the 2d Bn 410th Inf remained in a res assembly area vic NIEDERBRONN. The 276th Inf cleared the 45th Inf Div area at 1730A, enroute to XXI Corps zone. The zones of the 409th and 410th Infs were generally quiet and positions were organized and improved during the period.
      (2) 79th Inf Div: The 222d Inf maintained positions on the Div L flank, repulsed enemy patrols approaching forward positions late in the period. Close house to house fighting continued during the period in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) with the 2d and 3d Bns 315th Inf heavily engaged along with elements of the 14th Armd Div. Co B 232d Inf, reinforced by elements of the 781st Tk Bn, engaged an enemy group which moved from DALHUNDEN (R1819) to DENGOLSHEIM (R1821). The town was cleared but Engrs were unable to blow the bridge at (R186202) because of a small enemy bridgehead still held

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in that area. The 1st Bn 314th Inf closed in an assembly area vic OBERHOFFEN (R0920) at 0520A and the 1st Bn 315th Inf closed in an assembly area vic (R1536) at 1600A, units reld of atchment to 45th Inf Div and reverted to control of parent unit on closing in new areas. CCB 12th Armd Div reld of atchment to 79th Inf Div and reverted to control of parent unit.

b. FA:

(1) Corps and Div Arty were again very active. Air OPs were able to operate but some interference by hostile aircraft was encountered. Both a preparation and a counterbattery program were fired in support of the attack of the 12th Armd Div. Observed missions were also fired on enemy guns, vehicles and installations with reported good results.

(2) Co C 813th TD Bn (-1 Plat) reld atchment 45th Inf Div and reverted to control parent unit (atchd 79th Inf Div).

(3) 614th TD Bn atchd to VI Corps and 103d Inf Div effective on arrival in VI Corps zone.

c. AAA:

(1) 35th AAA Brig reports 4 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, no claims.

(2) 534th AAA AW Bn atchd to VI Corps and 35th AAA Brig effective on arrival in VI Corps zone, supporting 103d Inf Div.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: Close fighting continued in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) during the period. CCB pushed armored rcn to the N and E of the towns and supported the attacks of CCA and CCR by fire. CCA and the 3d Bn 315th Inf were engaged in house to house fighting to destroy the enemy still holding the W edge of RITTERSHOFFEN. An attack by CCR and the 2d Bn 315th Inf was launched at 1500A in HATTEN but little progress was made. A strong counterattack by inf supported by SP guns was redeived at 1710A which was repulsed after heavy fighting and yielding some ground. At the end of the period the western third of the town was still held.

(2) 12th Armd Div: At 0200A, CCA and CCB launched a coordinated attack to destroy the enemy pocket W of the RHINE R in the DRUSENHEIM (R1618) - HERRLISHEIM (R1214) area. CCB, with the 714th Tk Bn and the 56th Armd Inf Bn, attacked and reached the railroad and RJ vic (R137159) after encountering heavy fire, but withdrew early in the afternoon to the vic of ROHRWILLER (R1217) to reorganize. Elements remained forward to outpost the bridge at (R130168). CCA, consisting of the 17th and 66th Armd Inf Bns and the 43d Tk Bn, closed in a forward assembly area vic WEYERSHEIM (R0513) at 160630A, crossed the ZORN R and attacked towards OFFENDORF (R1312). Elements of the 66th Armd Inf Bn reached a position about 400 yds W of the STAINWALD Woods (R1011) where stiff resistance was encountered. The 17th Armd Inf Bn and the 43d Tk Bn reached the railroad line vic (R121130). A renewed effort against the enemy in the STAINWALD Woods was launched at 1630A but little progress was made and all elements were withdrawn W of the ZORN R late in the afternoon. Adv CP 12th Armd Div opened in BRUMATH (Q9814).

f. Cav: 117th Cav Rcn Sq continued to maintain road security patrols in Corps rear area.

g. Cml: Co A 2d Cml Mort Bn moved to the vic of SURBOURG (R0834), atchd VI Corps and 14th Armd Div on arrival.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: A strong counterattack against the 3d Bn 157th Inf was repulsed without loss of position although some scattered enemy were still being mopped up in the rear of the main Bn positions at the end of the period. The 410th Inf closed in the area and effected the relief of the 276th Inf which in turn moved to the XXI Corps zone. Close fighting continued in both RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN and an enemy attack at 1710A in the latter town was repulsed after yielding some ground. The attack of the 12th Armd Div to destroy the enemy pocket W of the RHINE R in the HERRLISHEIM area, made good progress initially, but resistance stiffened and all units withdrew to the W of the ZORN R late in the period.

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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL (ELITE), VI CORPS 152400A - 162400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Controller 16 Jan 45)

1. General: 8 missions of 93 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. 46.25 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.

(1) Request: 8 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of OFFENDORF (R129125) (prebriefed target). TOT 0900 hours.

(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 0850 hours on AO #40 with 8 a/c. "Spurtle" was told to go to the town of OFFENDORF, a vehicle, tank assembly and rallying point.

(3) Results: 6 x 750-lb fire bombs and 6 x 500-lb bombs were dropped on North edge of OFFENDORF; 4 buildings destroyed by fire; 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped on West edge of town; 1 building destroyed; 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped on East edge of OFFENDORF, no results observed. Flight also strafed town but no results were observed.

b. Mission #2.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of OFFENDORF (prebriefed target). TOT 0900 hours.

(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 0910 hours on AO #24 with 12 a/c. "Bookworm" leader was told to go to town of OFFENDORF.

(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 12 x 260-lb bombs were dropped on town; all bombs in town, 3 large and 6 small fires started, results obscured by smoke. 2 MT strafed and destroyed at R1815, 2 MT strafed and destroyed at R1810. Strafed foxholes in area, no results observed.

c. Mission #3.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe town of TRIMBACH (R209379), tanks and armored behicles reported in Southeast end of town. TOT 1400 hours.

(2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1400 hours on AO #48 with 12 a/c. "Discharge" was sent to town of TRIMBACH.

(3) Results: 23 x 500-lb and 7 x 100-lb bombs dropped on town of TRIMBACH (R209379); 7 buildings destroyed, 3 fires started, smoke prevented other observations.

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d. Mission #4.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe town of OFF NDORF (prebriefed target). TOT 1145A

(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1145 hours on AO #41 with 10 a/c and told to go to town of OFFENDORF. "Elite George #2" (CCB 12th Armd Div) marked target with smoke.

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(3) Results: 20 x 500-lb bombs dropped on town of OFFENDORF, haze and smoke obscured results. Strafed river banks Northwest out of OFFENDORF. Strafed in woods at R095076, believed to be a troop concentration; no results observed.

e. Mission #5.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe town of NIEDERROEDERN (R2334). Several sources indicate that this town is a troop reorganizing point. In addition two Regt'l CPs and their attached units are reported to be located here. TOT 1245 hours.
(2) Action: "Starry" leader checked into area at 1245 hours on AO #6 with 15 a/c, and told to hit the town of NIEDERROEDERN. "Elite Fox #1" (CCA 14th Armd Div) controlled and marked target with smoke.
(3) Results: 23 x 500-lb and 6 x 100-lb and 4 x 260-lb bombs were dropped on town of NIEDERROEDERN; a good coverage of bombs was observed, 4 fires started, 15 buildings destroyed. Strafed and destroyed 1 MT (Trailer type) at R250230.

f. Mission #6.
(1) Request: 8 a/c to bomb and strafe town of EBERBACH (R240363), reported by many sources to be an enemy strong point. TOT 1455 hours.
(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1435 hours on AO #42 with 8 a/c and diverted to hit the town of EBERBACH.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on town; 5 buildings destroyed at South edge of town. Town also strafed, no results observed.

g. Mission #7.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe a reported troop concentration at DALHUNDEN (R186195). TOT 1510 hours.
(2) Action: "Yearling" leader checked into area at 1530 hours on AO #49 with 16 a/c and diverted to hit town of DALHUNDEN. "Elite George" (79th Div) marked target with smoke.
(3) Results: 9 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on town of DALHUNDEN started large fires. All other bombs jettisoned safe at R0935 due to attack by enemy aircraft.

h. Mission #8.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe woods at R115120, troops and all types of vehicles believed to be dug in. This bombing was coordinated with a ground attack. H hour at 1630 hours, TOT 1600 hours.
(2) Action: "Discharge" leader checked into area at 1600 hours on AO #50 with 12 a/c and diverted to hit the strong point in woods at R115120. Target was marked with smoke by "Elite How" (12th Armd Div).
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs dropped at R110118; all bombs in target area, no results observed due to dense woods. Ground forces report heavy fire from above area stopped after the bombing.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 3 DIA supported the 12th Armd Div (US) in its attack against the GAMBSHEIM - OFFENDORF - HERRLISHEIM bridgehead, by arty fire only. The Corps sector was quiet, with only patrol activity.
   c. XII TAC: Bad weather prevented any air activity during the period. A summary of friendly and enemy air activity for the period 4 Jan to 17 Jan is given in Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold with light snowfall; visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: Co F 179th Inf was reld by elements of the 36th Inf Div in XV Corps sector. The 179th Inf continued to readjust and improve positions, and sent out strong combat patrols. 180th Inf made several small local attacks to improve present positions. 3d Bn advanced against moderate resistance to (Q801387), where enemy in well prepared positions were encountered. The 1st Bn extended its positions and reld the 2d Bn (-) which moved to res positions vic (Q797357). All Bns of the 157th Inf were engaged in mopping up scattered enemy in rear of their main positions. 1st and 2d Bns continued to attack to the N, and made slight progress against strong enemy resistance. 36th Engr C Regt continued aggressive patrolling and improvising of positions. The 274th Inf (TF HERREN) was reld of atchment to 45th Inf Div and atchd to 103d Inf Div effective 2030A. Sector of 274th Inf was generally quiet during period.

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      (2) 103d Inf Div: The 103d Inf Div with the 274th Inf atchd, assumed command of sector (overlay) at 2030A. The 2d and 3d Bns 409th Inf extended positions to relieve the 1st Bn in the center of the regtl sector. The 1st Bn assembled vic LAMPERTSLOCH (R0539) as regtl res. The 1st Bn 410th Inf was reld by the 3d Bn which now holds line from (Q975440) to (R003440). 1st Bn moved to NIEDERBRONN and prepared to move to an assembly vic SOUFFLENHEIM (R1625) on 18 Jan. The 1st and 3d Bns 411th Inf closed in an assembly area vic GUNDERSHOFFEN (Q9434) and 2d Bn in assembly area vic NIEDERBRONN (Q9338), all elements remaining motorized for further movement 18 Jan.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: An enemy attack from DALHUNDEN (R1819) towards SESSENHEIM (R1822) at 0845A succeeded in occupying the SE part of the town. The 1st Bn 314th Inf was moved to SCHIRRHOFFEN (R1322), atchd to the 232d Inf, and launched a counterattack at 1100A which drove the enemy from the town and S of the RR tracks vic (R183212). The 1st Bn 313th Inf closed in the vic of SOUFFENHEIM (R1725) at the end of the period. The 315th Inf continued to operate in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area under the command of the 14th Armd Div. Remainder of the Div front was generally quiet.
   b. FA:
      (1) Numerous observed missions were fired on enemy personnel by forward observers and the fire was very effective against enemy counterattacks. The extremely poor visibility prevented the effective operation of the Air OPs. The Div and Corps Arty again fired an extensive harassing

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program on the enemy road net, assembly areas, and CPs during the night. Unobserved missions were also fired on enemy batteries along the Corps front in an effort to relieve the enemy arty fire on our forward units.

(2) 93d Armd FA Bn moved to XXI Corps zone, reld atchment to VI Corps and atchd to XXI Corps on arrival destination.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: 1st Bn 315th Inf attacked RITTERSHOFFEN (R1633) at 0630A from the NW, slow progress was made against stiff enemy opposition. CCA and the 3d Bn 315th Inf continued to be heavily engaged in RITTERSHOFFEN. CCR and 2d Bn 315th Inf were attacked in HATTEN (R1733) by enemy inf and tanks from the NE at 0730A and intense house to house fighting ensued with little change in positions.

(2) 12th Armd Div: The 17th Armd Inf Bn and 43d Tk Bn launched an attack to the NE in the direction of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and succeeded in entering the S part of town where heavy street fighting ensued. The 66th Armd Inf Bn and the 23d Tk Bn attacked in the direction of OFFENDORF (R1312) but met stiff resistance from enemy located in woods at (R1011). Late in the period they changed the direction of the attack and advanced to the SE edge of HERRLISHEIM. 2 Cos 56th Armd Inf Bn attacked at 0115A and established a bridgehead E of the canal vic (R133164). Construction on a bridge commenced but all elements withdrew to the " of the river later in the period.

f. Cav: Tr B 117th Cav Rcn Sq reinforced by one light tank plat moved to an assembly area vic SCHIRRHOFFEN (R1322), atchd to 79th Inf Div on arrival destination.

g. Cml: Par 5g, G-3 Report No 17 dated 170800A Jan, amended to read Co B 2d Cml Mort Bn.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div continued to mop up enemy who had infiltrated behind the forward positions of the 157th Inf. The remaining elements of the 103d Inf Div closed in the VI Corps sector, and with the 274th Inf atchd, assumed command of their sector at 2030A. Heavy fighting continued in HATTEN and RITTERSHOFFEN where very little progress was made during the period. The enemy captured the southern part of SESSENHEIM but a counterattack cleared the town and restored a line along the RR to the S. Elements of the 12th Armd Div succeeded in entering the southern part of HERRLISHEIM where fighting continued at the end of the period.

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SUMMARY AIR ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD 4 JAN - 17 JAN

1. Enemy Air - (Source: 35th AAA Brig and 64th Ftr Wing):

a. Enemy planes continue to be very active in our area both in opposition to our fighter-bombers and on bombing and strafing missions. Approximately 102 hostile planes were over the VI Corps front during this 2 week period and of this total about half of them were identified as jet-propelled Me 262s. XII TAC fighter-bomber planes also continued to meet stiff resistance from enemy fighters and numerous flights were forced to jettison their bombs to engage the enemy aircraft. Claims by American pilots for this period were 23 German planes shot down and 12 damaged, as compared to 9 friendly planes lost in combat.

b. The following is a daily AA report for the period 4 Jan - 17 Jan:

Date	Number of A/C	Mission of A/C	Our AA Claims
5 Jan	10	Bombing and strafing	No claims
8 Jan	5	"	No claims
9 Jan	4	Reconnaissance	No claims
10 Jan	26	Bombing and strafing	1 destroyed
13 Jan	31	"	1 destroyed
14 Jan	20	"	No claims
16 Jan	6	"	No claims

Tentative results: 2 destroyed

No enemy action reported for 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 15, 17 Jan

2. Friendly Air - (Source: Seventh Army ASC and 64th Ftr Wing):

a. Fighter-bombers flew a total of 203 missions of 2395 sorties to support the ground forces during this period. Planes were only able to operate on a full scale schedule on 7 of the 14 days due to weather, but managed to keep the main enemy supply routes under close surveillance. Numerous rail and road cuts were effected and successful attacks on enemy supply points were carried out.

(1) Close Support: 42 missions of 456 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps on targets handled by the Corps Fwd Controller. The following is a brief summary of close support action for this period:

4 Jan - 7 missions, 78 sorties. Bombs were dropped on the following towns: MOUTERHOUSE, BITCHE, CAMP DE BITCHE and LIGHTENAU.

5 Jan - 7 missions, 78 sorties. Areas attacked were CAMP DE BITCHE, an enemy column of horse drawn vehicles and motor transports in the vicinity of NW BARENTHAL, and the enemy Rhine crossing site in the GAMBSHEIM area.

7 Jan - 1 mission, 4 sorties bombed some motor transports at the Rhine River crossing site. 7 MT were destroyed and 3 damaged.

8 Jan - 5 missions, 47 sorties. The towns of LUDWINGSWINKEL, MOUTERHOUSE and OBERSEEBACH were bombed. 1 flight of 12 aircraft attacked a target picked up by and earlier Tac/R flight in the BITCHE area of an enemy column with the following results: 5 tanks destroyed, 4 horse drawn vehicles destroyed and 14 damaged, 4 MT destroyed and 30 damaged and 16 half-tracks damaged.

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9 Jan - 7 missions, 72 sorties. Targets attacked - M/Y in RASTATT and gun positions and rail targets on the East side of Rhine.

13 Jan - 3 missions, 42 sorties. Bombed towns of MOUTERHOUSE, ZWIEBRUCKEN, EQUELSHARDT. 1 mission, 6 planes dropped 12 containers of supplies to friendly troops in town of HATTEN.

14 Jan - 3 missions, 36 sorties. 2 attacks on town of BUHL and 1 attack on enemy Hq at Q772410.

16 Jan - 8 missions, 93 sorties. Most of effort directed to town of OFFENDORF with 3 flights attacking this target. Other missions were in the same area attacking the towns of DAHLUNDEN, TRIMBACH and the wooded area just North of GAMBSHEIM.

(2) General Support: The following is a brief summary of results as observed by pilots:

	Destroyed	Damaged
Locomotives	12	33
RR cars	216	351
Motor transports	97	151
Buildings	352	61
Horse drawn vehicles	13	17
Armored vehicles	5	17
Tanks	16	35
Supply dumps	4	9
Bridges	1	3
Gun positions	1	34
Marshalling yards		17
Barges	3	1
Tunnels		5

Rail cuts	98
Road blocks	24

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 36th Inf Div (-141st RCT) commenced movement to VI Corps zone.
   b. II Fr Corps: Corps sector remained quiet.
   c. XII TAC: Weather prevented any air activity.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast in morning turning to partly cloudy in afternoon; visibility poor in morning and improved in the afternoon.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 179th Inf (-2d Bn) continued to improve positions in sector and maintained patrol contact with the enemy. 2d Bn (-) moved to vic ROTHBACH (R8434), atchd to 157th Inf. The 180th Inf improved positions and patrolled actively in its sector during the period. 1st and 2d Bns 157th Inf attacked to N to mop up enemy infiltration in the rear of the 3d Bn positions. Little progress was made against stubborn enemy resistance. 2d Bn 179th Inf also attacked to mop up enemy infiltration behind 3d Bn 157th Inf, encountered strong enemy resistance and reached (Q813387) and (Q823383). Elements of 1st Bn 36th Engr C Regt attacked to consolidate positions vic Hill 403 (Q834402), encountered strong enemy resistance and made only local gains.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: 274th Inf (atchd) maintained previously held positions (overlay). 409th Inf improved defensive positions in its sector. 1st Bn 409th Inf remained in res vic LAMPERTSLOCH (R0539). 1st Bn 410th Inf closed in assembly area vic BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM (R1521) at 0830A, atchd to 79th Inf Div. Remainder of Regt no change (overlay). The 411th Inf (-2d Bn) closed in assembly area vic SCHIRRHOFFEN (R1322) at 1700A, atchd to 79th Inf Div. 2d Bn closed in assembly area vic ROTHBACH (Q936345) at 1300A, atchd to 45th Inf Div.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: The 222d Inf maintained positions on the Div L flank. The 315th Inf continued house to house fighting in RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) and HATTEN (R1733) along with the 14th Armd Div. 242d Inf maintained defensive positions in the HAGUENAU Forest S of HATTEN. 1st Bn 313th Inf (-) remained assembled in SOUFFLENHEIM (R1322). 1st Bn 314th Inf (-Cos A & B) held positions vic (R188247) while Tr B 117th Cav Rcn Sq (reinf) occupied RUNTZENHEIM (R1924). Co B 232d Inf, Co C 313th Inf and Co I 314th Inf held a line (R182233) - (R192233) against enemy infiltrations vic SESSENHEIM (R1822). The 1st Bn 410th

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Inf assembled in SOUFFLENHEIM (R1322) early in the period and late in the afternoon, attacked to the SE to restore positions held by elements of 232d Inf which were forced back by enemy infiltration in the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM area but were stopped on line (R165205) - (R178209) by stiff enemy resistance. Cos A and B 314th Inf together with Cos A and K 232d Inf held the S edge of BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM on line (R152202) - (R162203). The 314th Inf (-1st Bn) held positions in the ROHRWILLER (R1217) - DRUSENHEIM (R1518) area during the period. 411th Inf (-2d Bn) assembled vic SHIRRHOFFEN (R1322) atchd to 79th Inf Div and made preparations for a counterattack mission.

(4) 36th Inf Div(-): The 143d RCT moved from XV Corps to VI Corps zone, closed at 1700A, atchd to VI Corps on arrival. 1st Bn assembled vic BATZENDORF (Q9720). 3d Bn vic NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM (R0019). 2d Bn assembled vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) but later moved to vic BISCHWILLER (R0919) to occupy positions blocking to the E of the town. Remainder of Div continued to move to VI Corps zone late in the period. Div CP opened in HAGUENAU (R0323) at 1300A.

b. FA: Improved visibility during the day increased the number of observed missions. Air and ground observers fired many effective missions on tanks, personnel and enemy battries.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 1 engagement with enemy aircraft during the period. No results claimed.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: The enemy launched a counterattack against CCA in HERRLISHEIM (R1214) early in the period and some enemy infiltrated our positions. The 66th Armd Inf Bn and 23d Tk Bn were forced to withdraw in the afternoon to defensive positions, along the ZORN River from (R078111) to (R111150). Elements of 17th Armd Inf Bn withdrew to vic GEUNDERTHEIM (R0113). At close of the period, patrols E of HERLISHEIM had failed to make contact with 43d Tk Bn. CCB organized defensive positions from (R110115) to the edge of BOIS DE DRUSENHEIM generally along the ZORN River. At close of period elements were engaged with an enemy patrol that had infiltrated our positions in the vic of ROHRWILLER (R1217).

(2) 14th Armd Div: CCA with 1st and 2d Bns 315th Inf continued to probe enemy positions in the vic of RITTERSHOFFEN (R1633) but little progress was made against stiff enemy opposition. CCR and 2d Bn 315th Inf held positions in HATTEN (R1733) and repelled an enemy attack late in the period. CCB no change.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: 45th Inf Div continued to improve positions and mop up enemy infiltration in rear of 157th Inf. 14th Armd Div and 79th Inf Div made little progress in RITTERSHOFFEN and HATTEN area during the period. The 411th Inf moved to SOUFFLENHEIM, prepared to attack SESSENHEIM which the enemy recaptured during the day. 12th Armd Div withdrew from HERRLISHEIM to defensive positons along the ZORN River.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 2 DB: CCL and CCR commenced movement to vic MOLSHEIM (V8293). 36th Inf Div: 141st RCT (reinf) atchd to 100th Inf Div, remainder of Div closed in VI Corps zone.
   b. II Fr Corps: 3 DIA: Reld elements of 1 DMI in BENFELD (V8974) area. 28th Inf Div: Reld 2 Bns of the 15th Inf with 2 Bns of the 109th Inf . Remainder of the 15th Inf sector was taken over by the 254th Inf. 2 DB: Commenced movement to an assembly area in the STRASBOURG (W0097) area.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Because of the existing ground situation, only those flights which were unable to get into the attack area were sent to attack general support targets. Supply installations and rail communications were hit with good effect.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy and cool, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 179th Inf (-2d Bn) and the 180th Inf remained in position on the Corps L flank, improving their positions and patrolling to their front. The 3d Bn of the 157th Inf, with elements of the 1st and 3d Bns, held its positions in the gereral vic (Q815395) against repeated enemy attacks, and despite the enemy infiltration which had isolated it. The remainder of the 157th Inf, with the 2d Bn 179th Inf atchd, continued its attack toward objectives at (Q825393) and (Q810390) with a view to regaining contact with the 3d Bn. Heavy enemy fire, however, caused them to dig in on line (Q808384) - (Q822382). The 36th Engr C Regt supported the attack of the 157th Inf, as elements of the 3d Bn renewed their probing attack toward Hill 403 (Q835403) which succeeded in reaching (Q838408) against strong resistance. Strong patrols of the 1st Bn worked over to enemy positions on Hill at (Q834397). The 2d Bn 411th Inf remained in res vic (Q853345) and reconnoitered routes in the sector of the 157th Inf for possible counterattack missions.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: The Div sector in the PHILIPPSBOURG (Q8742) - LEMBACH (R0445) area was quiet during the period. The 1st and 2d Bns 274th Inf commenced a mutual exchange of Bn positions (overlay).
      (3) 79th Inf Div: An enemy attack against the 3d Bn 314th Inf vic ROHRWILLER (R1217) starting at 182400A was repulsed by 0200A. At 0530A the 3d Bn 411th Inf attacked to retake SESSENHEIM (R1822). The NW edge of the town was reached by 0730A against light resistance and the bn later penetrated well into the town, but enemy tanks which disabled tanks supporting the attack, caused a withdrawal to the BOIS DE SOUFFLENHEIM (R1621). The 1st Bn 410th Inf made two attacks on enemy forces in the BOIS DE SESSENHEIM (R1720). Neither attack progressed beyond the edge of the wood, and the bn established itself along the line (R150200) - (R163205). At 1830A the enemy launched an attack in strength on DRUSENHEIM (R1518), held by the 2d Bn 314th Inf. The attack came principally from the NE, with elements crossing the ZORN R at (R150173) and at either side of the town. By 2100A, DRUSENHEIM was

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reported surrounded, with enemy tanks cutting exits to the NW of the town. Another thrust vic (R146175) penetrated defense positions and made it necessary for 3d Bn to withdraw to the SW to block the DRUSENHEIM - ROHRWILLER road. The 2d Bn 232d Inf was atchd to the 12th Armd Div effective 1200A. The 3d Bn assembled in SCHIRRHOFFEN (R1322) except for one Co which held the line (R202261) - (R200288).

(4) 36th Inf Div: The 142d RCT closed in the VI Corps area. The Div (-141st RCT) reld the 12th Armd Div in position along the Corps R flank and assumed command of its sector at 192100A. The 143d Inf moved into position generally along the W bank of the KESSELGRABEN and EICHGRABEN R (overlay) with four bns (including a 4th (prov) bn) in line. The 142d Inf took res positions at BISCHWILLER (R0818), KURTZENHAUSEN (R0515) and GRIES (R0517) area.

b. FA:

(1) Corps Arty fired many missions on enemy tanks, vehicles, personnel, pillboxes and a bridge with reported good results. The Corps Arty fired harassing program during the night and throughout the afternoon. A counterbattery program on 20 enemy battery locations was fired to help relieve the shelling in the 45th Inf Div sector.

(2) 636th TD Bn (-Co B, 1 Plat Rcn Co) atchd to 36th Inf Div.

c. AAA:

(1) 35th AAA Brig reports 3 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, no results claimed.

(2) 443d AAA AW Bn (-Btry C) atchd to the 35th AAA Brig, supporting 36th Inf Div.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: CCA attacked in Northern RITTERSHOFFEN (R1533) at 1500A but only slight progress was made against stubborn resistance. CCB maintained armored patrols and tank-stalking teams in the RITTERSHOFFEN - LEITERSWILLER (R1536) area. The 25th Tk Bn moved to the vic of HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) and DETTWILLER (Q8017) late in the period, coming under Corps control. CCR received counterattacks in the HATTEN (R1733) area at 0800A and at 1215A, repulsing both after slight loss of ground.

(2) 12th Armd Div: The positions along the ZORN R were attacked heavily by enemy tanks and inf. A preliminary attack at 0630A vic (R104140) reached across the ZORN R to (R098139) before being thrown back. However, enemy forces infiltrated late in the morning in the vic of (R077110) and in the afternoon powerful attacks moving W out of HERRLISHEIM (R1214) and along the GAMESHEIM (R1010) - WEYERSHEIM (R0512) road, forced a withdrawal to the general line of the KESSELGRABEN and EICHGRABEN Rivers. During the evening, the 36th Inf Div reld the forward positions of CCA and CCB and command of the sector passed to the CG 36th Inf Div at 192100A. Armd elements remained in position to support the 36th Inf Div while the remainder of the Div assembled prepared to move to the HOCHFELDEN (Q8817) area. No further contact was established with elements of the 43d Tk Bn, previously reported out of contact in the vic of HERRLISHEIM.

(3) 753d Tk Bn (-Co C) atchd 36th Inf Div.

f. Cav: 117th Cav Rcn Sq (less Tr B reinf) atchd to the 36th Inf Div effective 191800A Jan. 117th Cav Rcn Sq was reld of mission of maintaining road security patrols in the Corps rear area.

g. Cml: Co A 83d Cml Mort Bn reld of atchment to the 12th Armd Div and atchd to the 36th Inf Div effective 192100A Jan.

j. Misc: VI Corps OIs Nos 16, 17, and 18 were issued at 191200A, 191800A and 192200A Jan respectively.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The attack of the 45th Inf Div to regain contact with the 3d Bn 157th Inf made little progress and the 14th Armd Div continued to be heavily engaged in the RITTERSHOFFEN - HATTEN area. The 79th Inf Div was heavily attacked late in the day vic DRUSENHEIM, following an unsuccessful attempt to retake SESSENHEIM. The 12th Armd Div was forced back by strong enemy attack, to a general line between ROHRWILLER and WEYERSHEIM where it was reld late in the period in position by the 36th Inf Div.

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INCLS #2
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AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL (ELITE), VI CORPS 182400A-192400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control)

1. General: 16 missions of 190 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps 107.5 tons of bombs were dropped. Most of the effort was directed to targets in the enemy bridgehead in the HERRLISHEIM area.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of HERRLISHEIM an enemy strong point and troop and armor concentration. TOT 1215 hours.

(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1230 hours on AO #15 with 10 a/c. "Gatepost" was diverted from his prebriefed target to hit the town of HERRLISHEIM. Squadron was controlled by "Elite George #2" (CCB 12th Armd Div) who marked target with smoke.

(3) Results: 8 x 500-lb and 4 x 260-lb bombs were dropped through a hole in the clouds on the town at R3025, no results observed. 12 x 500-lb and 4 x 260-lb bombs were dropped on the town of HERRLISHEIM and observed hits in Northeast section of town; 6 buildings damaged and 2 fires observed in Southwest sector of the town. Squadron also strafed town but no results were observed due weather.

b. Mission #2.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of HERRLISHEIM. TOT 1230 hours.

(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1240 hours on AO #16 with 12 a/c. "Bookworm" was diverted from his prebriefed target to hit town of HERRLISHEIM. Squadron was controlled by "Elite George #2" who marked target with smoke.

(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb bombs were dropped on HERRLISHEIM; 22 hits in the town; also made one strafing pass but no results observed due weather. Strafed and destroyed 1 HD vehicle at R1302, destroyed 2 MT and 1 HD vehicle at R1504 and damaged 1 HD vehicle at R1507.

c. Mission #3.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of OFFENDORF a vehicle and tank assembly and rallying point. TOT 1245 hours.

(2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1255 hours on AO #17 with 12 a/c. "Exhaust" was diverted from his prebriefed target and sent to OFFENDORF by "Elite George #2". Squadron was unable to see target due to overcast.

(3) Results: Squadron bombed the M/Y at GENGENDACH (W2179). 8 x 1000-lb bombs on train entering yard; 8 x 1000-lb bombs on one locomotive and 15 cars; 1 locomotive damaged and 3 cars destroyed, 3 buildings destroyed and 1 M/Y damaged. 4 x 1000-lb bombs dropped on rails at W1884 making 1 railcut.

d. Mission #4.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe a priority target given them by Elite. TOT 1315 hours.

(2) Action: "Torso" leader checked into the area at 1325 hours on AO #2 with 13 a/c and turned over to "Elite Fox #1" (CCA 12th Armd Div). Target was closed and flight went to supply dump at R291235.

(3) Results: 20 x 500-lb bombs dropped on supply dump at R291235. Red flames and smoke was observed after bombing, no other results observed.

e. Mission #5.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe a priority target given them by "Elite". TOT 1330 hours.

(2) Action: "Kismet" leader checked into the area at 1335 hours on AO #47 with 11 a/c and told to contact "Elite Fox #1" who sent flight to target at Q2334. Flight was unable to get into the target because of weather. "Kismet" was then given permission of "Elite" to bomb RR tracks at W1999.

(3) Results: 21 x 500-lb and 6 x 100-lb bombs in target area making a railcut. 1 x 500-lb bomb and 1 x 100-lb bomb jettisoned safe at Q4117.

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f. Mission #6.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of HERRLISHEIM. TOT 1330 hours.
(2) Action: "Hepburn" leader checked into the area at 1345 hours on AO #3 with 16 a/c and turned over to "Elite George #2" who placed smoke on target.
(3) Results: 18 x 500-lb and 6 x 100-lb bombs were dropped on the town of HERRLISHEIM; 20 buildings destroyed. 4 x 500-lb bombs and 1 x 100-lb bomb dropped at R112053, no results observed.

g. Mission #7.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the town of HERRLISHEIM. TOT 1400 hours.
(2) Action: "Starry" leader checked into the area at 1435 hours on AO #1 with 16 a/c and turned over to "Elite George #2" who placed smoke on target.
(3) Results: 24 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs were dropped on the town of HERRLISHEIM resulting in a huge explosion, believed to be an oil dump. 50 buildings were also destroyed.

h. Mission #8.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe the pontoon bridge under construction at the GAMBSHEIM River crossing site. TOT 1500 hours.
(2) Action: "Hilman" leader checked into area at 1505 hours on AO #21 with 8 a/c and diverted to hit pontoon bridge at GAMBSHEIM.
(3) Results: 5 x 1000-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on pontoon sections at R450575; no claims. 3 x 1000-lb bombs dropped on SCHWEGENHEM; 3 buildings destroyed. 8 x 1000-lb and 11 x 100-lb bombs dropped on 8 pontoon sections at R450575; no hits. Strafed pontoon sections and damaged 3 sections, also damaged 3 MT at R6770.

i. Mission #9.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe tank and troop concentration at R1410. TOT 1515 hours.
(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1520 hours on AO #19 with 11 a/c. "Bookworm" was diverted to hit troop concentrations at R1410.
(3) Results: 20 x 1000-lb and 9 x 100-lb bombs dropped on target, 20 MT and tanks destroyed, 5 barges destroyed on West bank of Rhine, many personnel killed, 4 fires burning. 1 x 1000-lb and 1 x 100-lb bombs dropped on MT at R130088, no results observed. 1 x 1000-lb bombs dropped on KEHL, no results observed; strafed and damaged 4 sheds at R1409.

j. Mission #10.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe tank concentration at R1112. TOT 1530 hours.
(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1535 hours on AO #18 with 12 a/c. "Gatepost" leader was sent to wooded area at R1112 and told to call "Elite Howe" (12th Armored Div) who placed smoke on target.
(3) Results: 23 x 1000-lb and 12 x 100-lb bombs were dropped in target area, no results observed due to woods.

k. Mission #11.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe troop and MT concentrations in wooded area at R105105. TOT 1545 hours.
(2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into the area at 1550 hours on AO #20 with 11 a/c. "Elite" sent flight to troop and MT concentrations at R105105.
(3) Results: 6 x 1000-lb and 3 x 100-lb bombs were dropped, no results observed. 10 x 1000-lb and 5 x 100-lb bombs dropped on 2 barges at R064009, no hits. 6 x 1000-lb and 3 x 100-lb bombs dropped on pier at R070020, no hits.

l. Mission #12.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe a priority target. TOT 1530 hours.
(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 1545 hours on AO #31 with 11 a/c. "Spurtle" was turned over to "Elite George #2" (CC"B" 12th Armd Div) who gave squadron target at R124143. The squadron was unable to bomb this target due to weather.
(3) Results: 14 x 500-lb bombs dropped in town of WORTH at R387503, no results observed. 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped on highway at R387507. 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped on RR tracks at R383504. 2 x 500-lb bombs fell 50 yards North of WORTH and 2 x 500-lb bombs just East of WORTH, 2 large fires left burning in town, 10 buildings destroyed and 10 damaged.

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m. Mission #13.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe bridge in GAMBSHEIM area. TOT 1600 hours.
(2) Action: "Torse" leader checked into area on AO #5 with 14 a/c at 1610 hours. "Elite" sent flight to pontoon bridge at R136097 but flight was unable to attack the target due to weather.
(3) Results: 8 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on marshalling yards at R570508, no results observed due to weather. 8 x 500-lb and 4 x 100-lb bombs dropped on town at R636464, fires started in the town but was unable to judge the damage due to the weather.

n. Mission #14.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe tanks at R275272. TOT 1615 hours.
(2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 1625 hours on AO #34 with 8 a/c. "Elite" told flight to go to R275272 and look for tanks. Squadron reported no movement or tanks seen. "Elite" directed squadron to bomb town of NIEDERRODERN R2332.
(3) Results: 16 x 500-lb bombs dropped on NIEDERRODERN, 14 hits in the town and 2 hits East of the town. No results observed.

o. Mission #15.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to strafe any barges or movement on the Rhine. TOT 1630 hours.
(2) Action: "Hepburn" leader checked into area at 1635 hours on AO #6 with 13 a/c. "Elite" directed flight to reconnoiter Rhine River and strafe any barges or movement seen. Flight did not have bombs.
(3) Results: Flight reported that no movement was seen.

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HQ VI Corps
DETTWILLER (Q802172), FRANCE
210800A Jan 45

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: CCR 10th Armd Div closed in the BENESTROFF (Q2834) area at 1600A. CCB enroute to Corps area at 1800A. 2 DB continued movement to MOLSHEIM (V8293) area.
   b. II Fr Corps: Generally quiet during the period.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General Support: F/Bs flew a total of 6 missions, 83 sorties; attacking M/T, horsedrawn vehicles and RHINE R barges with good effect.
      (2) Close Support: Bad weather prevented any flights from attacking close in targets. Those missions which checked in with the Fwd Controller VI Corps, were sent on to alternate General Support targets.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Light snow and cold; visibility fair except during snow.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 157th Inf (-3d Bn) with 2d Bn 179th Inf (-) atchd, atkd to the N at 0725A in a renewed attempt to establish contact with the 3d Bn. Very hvy resistance was encountered and no progress was made. 2d Bn 411th Inf (atchd 157th Inf) atkd against very heavy resistance, reached (Q825385), reorganized and resumed the atk at 1015A. Resistance continued to be very heavy and contact could not be established with the 3d Bn. Late in the period the 3d Bn was ordered to atk S to break its way out of its isolated position. 2d Bn 411th Inf began moving to an assembly area at (Q802356). 179th Inf (-2d Bn) and 180th Inf maintained present positions and continued to exert pressure on the enemy. Under cover of darkness the 36th Engr C Regt began withdrawing under a screening force, in accordance with Hq VI Corps OI No 18.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: The Div sector was generally quiet during the period. The mutual exchange of Bn positions by the 1st and 2d Bns 274th Inf was completed. Late in the period the Div initiated its withdrawal to the delaying positions along the line ROTHBACH (Q8434) - NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) in accordance with Hq VI Corps OI No 18. Div CP opened in IMBSHEIM (Q7923).
      (3) 79th Inf Div: 2d Bn 314th Inf remained surrounded in the vic of DRUSENHEIM (R1518) but approximately 60 made their way back to our lines. The 3d Bn, after moving SW to block the DRUSENHEIM - ROHRWILLER road, took up positions along a line (R123171) - (R132173) - (R132182). 411th Inf (-2d Bn) made preparations to move to return to parent unit. 3d Bn closed in position at (R150200). 2d Bn 232d Inf was reld in position by elements 3d Bn 143d Inf and later moved to vic SOUFFLENHEIM (R1625) and reverted to control of parent unit. All other units maintained their present positions. Late in the period the Div began withdrawal to the delaying positions along the line NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) in accordance with Hq VI Corps OI No 18. Div CP opened in SCHWINDRATZHEIM (Q9017).

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(4) 36th Inf Div: Elements of the 3d Bn 143d Inf and 117th Cav Rcn Sq (-) reld the 2d Bn 232d Inf in position at 0600A. An atk by an estimated 150 enemy inf on the 2d Bn 143d Inf was repulsed with hvy losses inflicted on the enemy. Again at 2200A an atk by an estimated 50 enemy inf in the same area was dispersed. The 143d Inf maintained its positions with 4 Bns in the line. 142d Inf remained in Div reserve (Overlay). 117th Cav Rcn Sq (-) relieved elements 2d Bn 232d Inf in position. Firm contact was established with 3 DIA on the R. Div CP opened in BRUMATH (Q9714).

b. Arty:

(1) Normal counterbattery and harassing missions were fired during the period. Corps and Div arty units displaced in accordance with the planned withdrawal of the inf elements, night 20-21 Jan.

(2) 693d FA Bn closed in the VI Corps area, atchd to 45th Inf Div on arrival.

(3) 939th FA Bn closed in the VI Corps area, atchd to VI Corps Arty on arrival.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: Upon completion of the relief by the 36th Inf Div, units moved to assembly areas as follows: 17th Armd Inf Bn SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q9924), 66th Armd Inf Bn NIEDERSCHAEFFOLSHEIM (R0019), 56th Armd Inf Bn WINGERSHEIM (Q9213), 92d Cav Rcn Sq WALTENHEIM (Q9216). The 23d and 714th Tk Bns remained in position in support of the 36th Inf Div. Late in the afternoon the Div (-23d and 714th Tk Bns) began moving to an assembly area in the vic of GOUGENHEIM (Q8711).

(2) 14th Armd Div: The sector was generally quiet during the period. CCA was atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 201800A, to be employed to cover the withdrawal of the Div. CCR and 2d Bn 315th Inf cleared the HATTEN (R1834) area at 2112A. The Div (-CCA) began movement to a res assembly area S of DETTWILLER (Q8017).

j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OIs Nos 19 and 20 were issued at 201200A and 202200A Jan 45 respectively.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory - Low infantry strength and combat fatigue.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div was unable to make contact with the 3d Bn 157th Inf and the Bn was ordered to atk S from its isolated position. Sectors of the 79th and 103d Inf Divs were generally quiet, the withdrawal to the line ROTHBACH - NIEDERMODERN - BISCHWILLER being initiated late in the period in accordance with Hq VI Corps OI No 18. The 12th and 14th Armd Divs began moving to assembly areas in the vic of GOUGENHEIM and DETTWILLER respectively.

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 101st A/B Div assembled vic DURLINGEN (Q6029). CCB 10th Armd Div maintaining screen S of MAGINOT Line position and E of the SARRE R.
   b. II Fr Corps: At the close of the period an enemy atk towards KILSTETT (RO808) from the N and E was in progress. Otherwise the sector was generally quiet during the period.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General Support: Weather prevented any atk.
      (2) Close Support: 1 mission of 11 sorties was flown in direct support. A tank concentration in the R of the sector was atkd. Bad weather prevented any other activity.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Light snowfall and cold, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 1st and 3d Bns 179th Inf maintained their previous positions with active patrols operating to the front. The 2d Bn 179th Inf was reld in the 157th Inf sector and closed in an assembly area vic WINGEN (Q7335). The 180th Inf sector remained quiet during the period. The main elements of the 180th Inf withdrew and established new positions along the WILDENGUTH (Q7837) road from (Q781382) to (Q814371) by 2100A (Overlay). The 36th Engr C Regt having initiated its withdrawal night 20-21 Jan, established positions along the line (Q833380 - 838374 - 841365) during the day. Further withdrawal to the WILDENGUTH - ROTHBACH (Q8434) road was completed by 2000A with the 1st and 3d Bns taking up positions along the line (Q814371) to (Q842350). The 157th Inf, on being reld on the new line by elements of the 179th Inf and 180th Inf, assembled vic ZITTERSHEIM (Q7133), closing in the area by 2115A. The 2d Bn 411th Inf closed in an assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125), reverted to control parent unit. Div CP opened in LA PETITE PIERRE (Q6929).

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      (2) 103d Inf Div: Employing an Inf Co from each Bn as a covering force, the Div withdrew its main elements to the ROTHBACH (Q8434) - NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) line according to schedule. At the close of the period the above line was being outposted by 2 - 3 kms. The 274th Inf assembled in the vic of NIEDERSOULTZBACH (Q8027), prepared to move to the 45th Inf Div sector 22 Jan. The 411th Inf closed in the BOUXWILLER (Q8125) - KERRWILLER (Q8524) area and reverted to Div control. At the end of the period the 1st Bn 410th Inf was enroute to an assembly area vic MENCHHOFFEN (Q8229), to revert to control parent unit on closing in assembly area.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: Employing CCA 14th Armd Div as a rear guard force, the Div and atchd units withdrew to the NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (RO818) line according to schedule. The main elements of all units closed on the MLR during the morning. CCA cleared HAGUENAU (RO424) at 1420A, and continued movement towards the 14th Armd Div assembly area under Div control. All units organized positions along the MLR (Overlay) with outposts operating 1 - 3 kms to the front. Late in the period the outposts on the R flank of the 242d Inf and on the front of the 314th Inf were driven in by enemy tanks and inf. The 1st Bn 410th Inf commenced movement to an assembly area vic MENCHHOFFEN (Q8228) and the 411th Inf (-2d Bn) to an assembly area vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125). 232d

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Inf moved to an assembly area vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720), reld atchment 79th Inf Div and reverted to Corps control at 1600A. Tr B and 1 Plat Tr E moved to 36th Inf Div sector, reld of atchment to the 79th Inf Div and reverted to control of parent unit on closing destination.

(4) 36th Inf Div: During the night 20-21 Jan the 1st Bn 143d Inf withdrew to GRIES (R0617), the 3d Bn 142d Inf remaining in position in BISCHWILLER (R0908) with a Co screening along the line (R093187) to (R093175). Pressure continued along the front with small groups of enemy Inf and tanks being engaged throughout the period. One enemy group penetrated to the woods vic (R072149). Elements 3d Bn 143d Inf moved to close the gap and surround the group. The 142d Inf completed the relief of the 143d Inf at 2200A (Overlay). Div CP opened in MOMMENHEIM (Q9317).

(5) The 232d Inf closed in an assembly area vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720), reverted to Corps control at 1600A, Corps res.

b. FA:

(1) Corps and Div arty were active during the period in the 36th Inf Div sector but generally light on the remainder of the Corps front. Following the displacements during the previous period, the brief periods of good visibility during the day were utilized for registration and observed missions.

(2) 59th Armd FA Bn and 242d FA Bn atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 212300A.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: The 23d and 714th Tk Bns remained in position during the day, supporting the 36th Inf Div, but commenced movement to the Div assembly area late in the period. Recn elements maintained a screen along the Corps S boundary from OLWISHEIM (Q9511) to MARLENHEIM (Q8103). 12th Armd Div (-) closed in the assembly area vic GOUGENHEIM (Q8711). Div CP opened in HOCHFELDEN (Q8717).

(2) 14th Armd Div: The Div (-CCA) completed its withdrawal and closed in an assembly area S of DETTWILLER (Q8017) late in the morning. CCA reverted to Div control at 1420A after covering the withdrawal of the 79th Inf Div during the night 20-21 Jan, closed in the Div assembly area late in the period. The 25th Tk Bn remained in position, reverted to Div control effective 211400A. Div CP opened in DETTWILLER.

j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OI No 21 issued 212300A.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Low Inf strength and combat fatigue.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The withdrawal of all units to the ALTHAM - ROTHBACH - NIEDERMODERN - HAGUENAU - BISCHWILLER - WEYERSHEIM line was completed without interference, using small Inf units in the 45th and 103d Inf Div sectors and CCA 14th Armd Div in the 79th Inf Div sector, as rear guard forces. All the main elements were closed on the MLR by noon and outposts were maintained 1 - 3 kms to the front. All demolitions were executed as scheduled by the covering forces. The 36th Inf Div continued to be engaged with enemy Inf and tanks in the BISCHWILLER area.

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SAVERNE (Q727157), FRANCE
230800A Jan 45

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 100th Inf Div: Relief of 141st Inf by 398th Inf completed. Other units no change.
   b. II Fr Corps: The enemy attack on KILSTETT (R0808) succeeded in temporarily capturing the town, situation was restored by a coordinated inf and tank counterattack during the late morning.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: 26 missions of 298 sorties were flown in support of the Seventh Army. Those flights which were unable to hit close in targets were passed on to alternate targets outside the BSL. Rail targets, M/T and horse drawn vehicles were among those targets successfully attacked.
      (2) Close support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Clear and cold, visibility restricted by ground haze.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 179th Inf continued to improve positions and maintain patrols to the front. Late in the period elements of the 179th Inf were being reld in position by the 274th Inf. The screening force which covered the 180th Inf completed its withdrawal at 0230A. Aggressive combat patrols pushed forward to maintain contact with the by while the new positions occupied late in the previous period, were being improved. The 157th Inf remained in Div res for rehabilitation and refitting. Late in period the 1st Bn commenced to move to an assembly area vic SCHUENBOURG (Q6526), the 2d Bn to vic LOHR (Q6428), with the 3d Bn remaining in ZITTERSHEIM (Q7133). The 2d and 3d Bns 36th Engr C Regt continued to improve positions and maintain contact by patrols. 1st Bn assembled vic (Q820348) as Regtl res. The 274th Inf moved to an assembly area vic (Q7437), atchd to 45th Inf Div.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: The 1st Bn 410th Inf closed in assembly area vic UTTWILLER (Q8228) and reverted to control of parent unit at 0045A. 2d and 3d Bns continued to hold defensive positions while maintaining an OPLR from OFFWILLER (Q8534) to UHRWILLER (Q8831). The enemy succeeded in moving around the L flank and occupied OFFWILLER (Q8534). The OPLR then shifted to the line ROTHBACH (Q8434) - UHRWILLER (Q8831). The 411th Inf remained assembled in the vic of BOUXWILLER (Q8125) with the 3d Bn assembled in the vic of KIRRWILLER (Q8424) in mobile res on a 2 hrs alert status. The 274th Inf moved to assembly area vic (Q7437), reld of atchment to 103d Inf Div and atchd to 45th Inf Div on closing destination.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: Patrols were active throughout the period and made numerous contacts with enemy groups particularly in the vic of BOIS DE OBERLOFFEN (R1021) and HAGUENAU (R0323). All bridges across the MODER R in the sectors of the 313th and 222d Infs were blown. The 1st Bn 315th Inf was moved to assembly area vic MARIENTHAL (R0620). Co C 25th Tk Bn atchd to 79th Inf Div, assembled vic WEITBRUCH (R0317). All units continued to improve present positions along the NIEDERMODERN (Q9027) - BISCHWILLER (R0818) line.

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(4) 36th Inf Div: Sector remained quiet with very light contact. The 142d Inf occupied the woods vic (R072149) without opposition, the enemy group previously reported in that area having withdrawn during the night. On being reld by the 142d Inf, the 143d Inf moved the 3d Bn to an assembly area vic BIETLENLEIM (R0313), the 2d Bn to vic GEUDERTHEIM (R0113), and the 1st and 4th Bns (Prov) to GRIES (R0617).

(5) 232d Inf: Remained assembled vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720), Corps res.

b. FA:

(1) Corps arty fired on enemy locations in the KILSTETT (R0908) area in support of the attack against the 3 DIA. During short periods of good weather Air OPs were very active and adjusted fire on vehicle concentrations in the 79th Inf Div sector and a motor column in the 45th Inf Div sector that was halted by a rd block. Numerous other targets were hit on the Corps front with good results observed.

(2) Co A 827th TD Bn atchd to 79th Inf Div at 10154 but reverted to control of parent unit again at 2200A. 827th TD Bn atchd to 12th Armd Div at 2200A.

c. AAA:

(1) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

(2) 572d AAA AW Bn reld of atchment to 35th AAA Brig and atchd to 12th Armd Div.

d. Armd:

(1) 12th Armd Div: 92d Cav Rcn Sq reld by elements 94th Cav Rcn Sq, 14th Armd Div, on screening mission along the Corps S flank. 12th Armd Div with 572d AAA AW Bn and 827th TD Bn atchd, reld of atchment to VI Corps and reverted to Army control effective 220700A.

(2) 14th Armd Div: 94th Cav Rcn Sq reld elements 92d Cav Rcn Sq, 12th Armd Div, and continued to maintain the screen along the Corps S bdry from OLWISHEIM (Q9511) to MARLENHEIM (Q8103). Co C 25th Tk Bn 14th Armd Div atchd to 79th Inf Div effective 2200A. Tr C 94th Cav Rcn Sq atchd to 35th AAA Brig for security patrolling in rear areas.

g. Cml: Co B 2d Cml Mort Bn moved to MORHANGE (Q1936), on arrival destination unit reld of atchment to VI Corps and 14th Armd Div and reverted to control XXI Corps.

j. Misc:

(1) Hq VI Corps OIs Nos 22 and 23 issued at 222100A & 222200A respectively.

(2) VI Corps CP opened in SAVERNE (Q727157) at 221330A.

5. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Units continued to improve defensive positions along the line occupied during the previous period. Additional demolitions were carried out in the sector of the 79th Inf Div. The 274th Inf moved to the 45th Inf Div sector and a program to relieve and rehabilitate the regts of the Div was initiated.

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INCLS #2
TO G-3 REPORT #23

AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL (ELITE), VI CORPS 212400A-222400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wg Fwd Control)

1. General: 4 missions of 50 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps, 39.5 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe troop and tank concentrations in woods at R1112. TOT 1445 hours.

(2) Action: "Crawford" leader checked into area at 1440 hours on AO #33 with 11 a/c. "Elite" (VI Corps) told squadron to call "Elite Baker" (36th Div) who assigned squadron a target at R1112.

(3) Results: 22 x 500-lb bombs dropped, all bombs in target area, 2 moderate explosions resulted. No other results observed due to woods.

b. Mission #2.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe a priority target given them by "Elite". TOT 1435 hours.

(2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 1430 hours on AO #32 with 12 a/c. "Elite" gave squadron a target but squadron was unable to bomb target due to weather.

(3) Results: 15 x 500-lb bombs dropped on town of BITCHE, 6 hits on fort and 9 hits on town, 5 buildings destroyed. 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped on 7 MT going West at Q880576, 2 hits on road at Q879516 causing road block, 6 near misses. Strafed and destroyed 1 large van and 2 large horse drawn vehicles at Q892505.

c. Mission #3.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe troop and tank concentrations in woods at R105115. TOT 1625 hours.

(2) Action: "Bookworm" leader checked into area at 1625 hours on AO #23 with 12 a/c, "Elite Baker" gave squadron a target at R105115.

(3) Results: 24 x 1000-lb and 12 x 100-lb bombs dropped in target area, excellent concentration of hits observed. 12 to 15 fires burning after bombing, 1 secondary explosion. 3 light flak guns strafed and damaged at R1312.

d. Mission #4.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe troop and tank concentrations in woods at R105115. TOT 1640 hours.

(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1630 hours on AO #22 with 15 a/c. "Elite Baker" (36th Div) directed squadron to target, also marked target with smoke.

(3) Results: 28 x 1000-lb and 14 x 100-lb bombs dropped in woods at R105115, bombs were well concentrated in woods, also strafed, no results observed.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: 141st Inf moved to VI Corps zone. 35th Inf Div (-137th Inf) closed in Corps zone, atchd to XV Corps upon arrival.
   b. II Fr Corps: The 3d Div launched an atk at 222130A and advanced to the following points: (V718473), HOUSSEN (V7347), (V742485), cleared FORET COMMUNALE DE COLMAR to (V745510), (V755500), woods at (V775480), (V790490), (V775515) and (V780520). A bridgehead was established across the ILL R vic (V767502). An enemy counterattack late in the period from the woods vic (V7648) and RIEDWIHR (V7847), forced elements to withdraw NW to the E side of the ILL R vic (V768502). The 1 DMI atkd at 0730A and cleared the enemy W of ILL R from SELESTAT S to include ILLHAEUSERN (V7753).
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General Support: 11 missions of 126 sorties were flown in support of Seventh Army. Rail and road movement and communications targets were successfully atkd.
      (2) Close Support: See Incls 2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Partly cloudy until afternoon then snowfall for remainder of period. Visibility fair in morning turning to poor in afternoon.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 274th Inf completed the relief of the 179th Inf at 0100A. The 2d Bn on L occupied defensive positions on a line (Q758401 - Q759392), the 1st Bn held the line (Q762390 - Q768383) and the 3d Bn, on the R, occupied positions along a line (Q770384 - Q779379). The 1st Bn 179th Inf assembled vic WEINBOURG (Q7830) and late in the period moved to Div R flank and occupied defensive positions along a line (Q838348 - Q822338). The 3d Bn assembled vic PUBERG (Q6934) and late in the period moved to occupy a defensive line (Q822338 - Q804325) on the Div R flank. Both Bns blocked to the E, prepared to counterattack to the SE in the event of any penetration in the L of the 103d Inf Div zone. The 2d Bn remained assembled vic WINGEN (Q7335). The 180th Inf continued to improve defensive positions (Overlay) and maintained contact with the enemy by active patrols. The 157th Inf remained in Div res. 1st Bn assembled vic SCHOENBOURG (Q6526), 2d Bn assembled vic LOHR (Q6428) and 3d Bn moved to an assembly area vic OTTWILLER (Q6229). The 36th Engr C Regt continued to maintain and improve defensive positions in sector and maintained contact with the enemy by active patrols. Elements of the 645th TD Bn established road blocks at (Q805317) and (Q798309).
      (2) 103d Inf Div: An enemy atk on the 2d Bn 410th Inf at 0300A drove in the outpost in the vic of OFFWILLER (Q8534) and seized ROTHBACH (Q8434). At close of the period the Bn was in close contact with the enemy along the S edge of town. The 3d Bn maintained previous defensive positions. 1st Bn moved to assembly area vic INGWILLER (Q8130). The 3d Bn 409th Inf withdrew its OPL to a line (Q918283) - (Q945279) after being engaged by strong enemy patrols. The 2d Bn maintained previously held defensive positions. The 3d Bn 411th Inf moved to an assembly area vic OBERSOULTZBACH (Q790280) and the 2d Bn moved to assembly area vic KIRRWILLER (Q8424). The 1st Bn remained vic BOUXWILLER (Q8125).

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(3) 79th Inf Div: Patrols continued to be active in front of the MLR in the Div sector. The OPL of the 222d Inf was forced to withdraw early in the period by enemy pressure but they maintained active patrols in front of main line positions. Light patrol contact was made by 222d Inf vic (R004256) and along the RR vic (R001257). In the 242d Inf sector light patrol contact was made vic (R068228). The 1st Bn 222d Inf (-) moved to assembly area vic OHLUNGEN (Q9723). The 313th Inf made strong patrol contact with the enemy vic HAGUENAU (R0424). All units continued to improve defensive positions in their respective sectors.

(4) 36th Inf Div: The 3d Bn 143d Inf relieved the 2d Bn 142d Inf on positions. 2d Bn 142d Inf assembled vic KURTZENHAUSEN (R0515) on completion of the relief. 1st Bn 142d Inf dispersed an enemy atk against its outpost vic (R088166). All units continued to improve present defensive positions.

(5) 232d Inf: Remained assembled vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720), Corps res.

(6) The 141st Inf with Co A 753d Tk Bn atchd, closed in an assembly area vic MONSWILLER (Q7317) at 1000A, reverted to Corps control. The 36th Cav Rcn Tr, Co A 636th TD Bn, and 131st FA Bn were reld of atchment to the 141st RCT and reverted to 36th Inf Div control.

b. FA: Corps arty fired a heavy harassing program on enemy CPs, assembly areas and RJs during the night. During the morning good visibility enabled Air OPs to adjust on numerous targets along the Corps front. A series of TOTs were fired on enemy vehicles and personnel along the NEUWILLER (Q0529) - ESCHBACH (R0030) road with very good results. Much activity was noted on the BARENTHAL (Q8442) - ZINSWILLER (Q8935) road and effective fire was placed on it.

c. AAA: 35th AAA Brig reports 6 engagements with enemy aircraft during the period, 1 enemy aircraft probably destroyed.

d. Armd: 14th Armd Div: The 94th Cav Rcn Sq (-) continued screening mission along Corps R flank. CCB consisting of 68th Armd Inf Bn and 25th Tk Bn (-Co C) moved to vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) closed at 1830A. The 68th Armd Inf Bn assembled in the BATZENDORF (Q9720) - WINTERSHOUSE (Q9721) area and 25th Tk Bn (-Co C) assembled vic HUTTENDORF (Q9322).

j. Misc: Hq VI Corps OIs Nos 24 and 25 issued at 231900A and 232200A respectively.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Some increase in Inf strength due to the arrival of approximately 1000 reinforcements during the period.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The 45th Inf Div completed the relief of 179th Inf. Late in the period the 179th Inf moved into defensive positions on the Div R flank. Other units continued to improve their defensive positions during the period. The 141st Inf moved into VI Corps sector and assembled vic S.VERNE in Corps res.

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INCLS #2
TO G-3 REPORT #24

AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL (ELITE), VI CORPS 222400A-232400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control)

1. General: 3 missions of 37 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps, 17.5 tons of bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe OBERHOFFEN. TOT 1000 hours.

(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into the area at 0930 hours on AO #21 with 12 a/c, "Elite" sent squadron to OBERHOFFEN. "Elite George" (79th Div) marked target with smoke.

(3) Results: 24 x 1000-lb and 11 x 100-lb bombs dropped on OBERHOFFEN; squadron also strafed on bombing run; claim 8 buildings destroyed and 5 buildings damaged.

b. Mission #2.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe 200 MT on main and secondary road 5 miles Southeast of BITCHE. TOT 1020 hours.

(2) Action: "Spurtle" leader checked into area at 0940 hours on AO #30 with 10 a/c, "Elite" sent squadron to 200 MT 5 miles Southeast of BITCHE.

(3) Results: 6 x 500-lb bombs dropped on 8 MT going North at Q822435, 5 MT destroyed, created 1 road block. 4 x 500-lb bombs dropped East of road in woods, no damage observed due to woods. 2 x 500-lb bombs dropped on road at Q829445, 1 MT destroyed. At Q843437, many MT parked in woods, 8 x 500-lb bombs dropped there, no results observed. Strafed 6 MT parked facing East at Q815428, 1 MT damaged. Strafed 10 MT in woods at Q829448, 3 MT damaged. At Q839435, strafed and damaged 1 MT parked facing North.

c. Mission #3.

(1) Request: 12 a/c to strafe heavy concentration of MT Northeast of BITCHE. TOT 1040 hours.

(2) Action: "Torso" leader checked into the area at 1045 hours on AO #5 with 15 a/c. "Elite" contacted "Torso" and told him to contact "Brutus Red" who had a straffing target.

(3) Results: Strafed and destroyed 5 horse drawn vehicles Northeast of BITCHE. (Note: All of the results of this mission have not been received, due to planes landing on other bases than their home base)

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Hq VI Corps
SAVERNE (Q727157), FRANCE
250800A Jan 45

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: Sector generally quiet. 35th Inf Div: 320th Inf reld 274th Inf in position. Other units: No change.
   b. II Fr Corps: 3d Inf Div (US): Enemy counterattacks caused local withdrawals in the sector. 1 DMI: Established a bridgehead across the ILL R and made advances of approx 1 km across the Div zone. Others: No change.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General Support: The weather improved after 1500A and F/Bs flew 10 missions of 119 sorties. No flights were able to get in to the Corps front and all atks were made in the KARLSRUHE area. A permanent highway bridge over the RHINE was atkd with direct hits reported. Several rail cuts were made and two oil and gas distributing points were bombed successfully.
      (2) Close Support: None during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with generally overcast sky and snow flurries. Visibility generally poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 274th Inf had patrol contacts with the enemy during the night and at 0700A repulsed an enemy patrol which attempted to infiltrate its 1st Bn positions. All elements of the Regt were reld in position during the early evening by the 320th Inf (35th Inf Div) and commenced movement to an assembly area vic (Q7935). There was no change in the dispositions of the 180th Inf and 36th Engr C Regt though frequent patrol clashes took place, and a strong enemy patrol drove in an outpost of the 3d Bn 180th Inf vic SAEGMUHL (Q7937). The 157th Inf remained in its Bn assembly areas (Overlay) undergoing reorganization and rehabilitation. The 1st and 3d Bns of the 179th Inf remained in their blocking positions (Overlay), and the 2d Bn moved to an assembly area vic (Q8034).
      (2) 103d Inf Div: The 410th Inf received two enemy atks at 0800A vic BISCHOLTZ (Q8532) and MULHAUSEN (Q8631). In each case the enemy penetrated and held a part of the town. Arty and TDs took under fire 12

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enemy armored vehicles which fired on our Inf positions from ROTHBACH (Q8434) and roads leading NE and SE from it, destroying several. The 3d Bn 409th Inf dispersed with arty fire an enemy atk vic (Q930284) at 0950A. The Regtl OPLR was forced back to the MLR on the flanks.

(3) 79th Inf Div: The enemy was very active along the front of the 222d Inf. During the morning there was patrol contact vic NEUBOURG STATION (Q9627), while in the afternoon 3d Bn elements at (Q942273) were heavily atkd by fire from enemy dug in along railroad track. Preceded by an arty preparation, the enemy atkd across the MODER R at approx 2030A against positions of the 3d Bn vic NEUBOURG (Q9626) and the 2d Bn at (Q9925) where a penetration between company positions was made. The 1st Bn was committed from Regtl res to attempt to clear out the penetration area, and fighting was in progress at the end of the period. The sectors of the 313th and 242d Infs were generally quiet. The 2d and 3d Bns of the 315th Inf reld the 1st and 3d Bns of the 314th Inf in position early in the evening. The 1st Bn 314th Inf moved to WINTERS-HOUSE (Q9721) and 3d Bn commenced movement to HOCHSTETT (Q9519).

(4) 36th Inf Div: The 1st and 3d Bns 142d Inf and the 3d Bn 143d Inf maintained their fwd positions while the 117th Cav Rcn Sq protected the Corps R flank. The Div sector was generally quiet, though patrol contacts were made and heavy fire received late in the period.

(5) 232d Inf: Remained assembled vic BOSSENDORF (Q8720), Corps res.

(6) 141st Inf: Remained assembled vic MONSWILLER (Q7317), Corps res.

b. FA: The principal missions fired during the day were on enemy personnel, houses, tanks and batteries. Missions against personnel were fired both on observed groups and on reported assembly areas. Low clouds and wind impaired visibility, but a considerable number of observed missions were fired.

c. AAA: The 35th AAA Brig reports no engagements with enemy aircraft during the period.

d. Armd: 14th Armd Div: No change, Corps res.

j. Misc: VI Corps OI No 26 was issued at 242300A Jan.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Low Inf strength and combat fatigue.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The L elements of 45th Inf Div were reld by XV Corps troops late in the period, preparatory to a shift of the Corps boundary. The 103d Inf Div contained three Inf atks and destroyed several enemy armored vehicles in the vic of ROTHBACH. The 79th Inf Div sustained two atks in SCHWEIGHAUSEN area in the evening where fighting was still in progress at the end of the period.

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SAVERNE (Q727157), FRANCE
260800A Jan 45

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Map: FRANCE 1/100,000

1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: Generally quiet during the period. Elements 35th Inf Div completed the relief of the 398th Inf (100th Inf Div). XV Corps assumed command of sector formerly held by XXI Corps.
   b. II Fr Corps: An enemy attack was launched on KILSTETT (R0903) at 0200A from the NW, N and NE and was repulsed by 0400A. Elements 3d Inf Div (US) attacked at 0300A and reached MOULIN JEBSHEIM (V8147). Elements 5 DB crossed the ILL R at (V772515) and began pushing E against stiff resistance.
   c. XII TAC: Bad weather prevented any air activity during the period.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Overcast and cold with heavy snow fall late in period, visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: 157th Inf continued with its reorganization and training program, moved to new assembly areas with the 2d Bn at (Q7323), the 3d Bn at (Q6123) with the 1st Bn remaining at (Q6627). 179th Inf maintained positions on the Div R and established firm contact with the 410th Inf on its R. 180th Inf, holding the Div L flank, repulsed small groups of enemy attempting to penetrate their positions. Early in the morning, elements of the 2d Bn 36th Engr C Regt drove off a 24 man enemy patrol. Upon completion of the relief by elements of 35th Inf Div, the 274th Inf moved to an assembly area vic (Q7935), closed at 0400A. At the end of the period, the 2d and 3d Bns began the relief of the 2d Bn 180th Inf and 2d Bn 36th Engr C Regt in position.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: At 0600A, an estimated 200 enemy supported by tanks attacked an outpost of the 2d Bn 409th Inf at KINWILLER (Q9029). The attack was repulsed after heavy fighting but the OPLR on the L of the Regtl sector was pulled back to the MLR. At 0440A, an attack on the L flank of the 3d Bn 410th Inf penetrated the MLR and reached SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430). Two more atks were launched at 0630A and 0955A E of SCHILLERSDORF, but both were broken up. At 0900A, the 1st Bn moved from a res position and prepared to launch a counterattack. A and C Cos, supported by tanks, entered SCHILLERSDORF at 1030A, and after heavy fighting, had confined the enemy force to a small section in the SE of the town by 2200A. B Co by-passed the town to the W and reestablished a position on the R flank of the 2d Bn. Cos L and K, on the R shoulder of the penetration at (Q868298), pushed NW, attempting to rejoin the former MLR positions. The 2d Bn 411th Inf moved to an assembly area at (Q863283)(atchd to the 410th Inf) and attacked to the E of SCHILLERSDORF to restore the MLR. By 2200A the Bn had reoccupied the MLR positions between the 2d and 3d Bns 410th Inf and established firm contact on the R and L. The 3d Bn 411th Inf moved to an assembly area at (Q826290), prepared to move to the vic of SCHILLERSDORF and after the successful re-occupation of the MLR, established rd blocks to the S of the town.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: The penetration between the 2d and 3d Bns 222d Inf developed and the enemy spread out into the BOIS DE OHLUNGEN (Q9825). 3d Bn 314th Inf moved from a res position at (R0019), began pushing E thru the woods from (Q965257) and reached the vic of (Q972256) against moderate resistance. 1st Bn 222d Inf attacking N and NE thru the woods against light resistance, reached (Q972255); 1st Bn 314th Inf, moving from a res position at (Q9721), attacked at 0530A to clear

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SCHWEIGHAUSEN and the woods to the SW of the town. On the R of the 1st Bn 314th Inf, the 2d Bn 222d Inf continued to be heavily engaged in the S edge of the town. The 232d Inf was released from Corps res and reverted to Div control at 0830A. The 2d Bn moved to an area E of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, and attacked to the W into the town in conjunction with the attack of the 1st Bn 314th Inf and 2d Bn 222d Inf. By 2130A, the town had been cleared except for a few scattered snipers. 1st Bn 232d Inf moved to UHLWILLER (Q9524) outposting the woods from (Q957254) to (Q965245) and the 3d Bn to OHLUNGEN (Q9723), outposting from (Q968243) to (Q981243). CCB 14th Armd Div was atchd to the Div at 0830A and moved to the vic of (Q990249) from which an atk was launched to the NW, to clear the woods to the MODER R and restore the MLR. At the end of the period the advance elements had reached a general line (Q990245) - (Q994248). An estimated 100 enemy forced a crossing of the MODER R at (R063230) in the sector of the positions of the 3d Bn 242d Inf. The 1st Bn 315th Inf was released to the 242d Inf although the 242d Inf counterattacked and cleaned out the enemy pocket without committing the Bn. All positions were restored. 313th and 315th Inf sectors were generally quiet during the period.

(4) 36th Inf Div: Positions were maintained with little activity during the period. 1st Bn 143d Inf began relief of 1st Bn 142d Inf late in the period. 117th Cav Rcn Sq continued to protect the Corps R flank and maintained contact with II Fr Corps.

(5) 101st A/B Div: The Div initiated movement to the VI Corps zone. 327th Glider Inf closed in the vic of BOSSENDORF (Q8720) and the 501st Prcht Inf closed in the vic of MINVERSHEIM (Q9120), Div CP opened in HOCHFELDEN (Q870175) at 1600A.

(6) 141st Inf: Remained in Corps res vic MONSWITTER (Q7317).

(7) 232d Inf: The Regt was released from Corps res and atchd to the 79th Inf Div at 0830A.

b. Arty: Poor visibility denied the arty the use of Air OPs during most of the day. Several successful missions were fired by FOs on close in targets in the 79th and 103d Inf Div sectors. Harassing and counterbattery fires were carried on throughout the period.

c. AAA:

(1) 35th AAA Brig reports no engagement with enemy aircraft during the period.

(2) Btry C 443d AAA AW Bn atchd 35th AAA Brig for operations, in support of 36th Inf Div.

(3) Tr C 94th Cav Rcn Sq reld of atchment to 35th AAA Brig and reverted to control of parent unit.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: CCB was atchd to the 79th Inf Div at 0830A and moved to an area S of SCHWEIGHAUSEN. 48th Tk Bn moved from the vic of WITZENHEIM (Q8306) to LUPSTEIN (Q8115). CCA was alerted for movement on thirty minutes notice. Tr C 94th Cav Rcn Sq began movement to join CCA.

(2) Co A 191st Tk Bn was atchd to the 103d Inf Div effective 250830A.

(3) Hq & Hq Co 1st Armd Gp was atchd to 35th AAA Brig for operations, effective 251200A.

e. Misc:

(1) XV Corps - VI Corps boundary changed in accordance with Hq Seventh Army OI No 69 dated 23 Jan 45 effective 250001A (overlay).

(2) VI Corps OI No 27 issued at 252100A Jan 45.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Low inf strength and combat fatigue. Heavy snow late in the period interfered with operations.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Three penetrations were made in the Corps MLR during the period, in the sectors of the 103d and 79th Inf Divs. At two points, all positions have been restored. At the third point, just W of SCHWEIGHAUSEN, the enemy continued to resist in the BOIS DE OHLUNGEN, but good progress was being made in clearing the area. CCB of the 14th Armd Div and the 232d Inf were committed to help reduce this penetration. The 101st A/B Div began assembling in the HOCHFELDEN area.

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1. OUR FRONT LINE: Overlay.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Overlay.

3. INFORMATION OF ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS:
   a. XV Corps: No change. Sector generally quiet.
   b. II Fr Corps: Advanced elements of 3d Inf Div (US) and 5 DB reached a line just short of WICKERSCHWIHR (V7745) - MUNTZENHEIM (V8044) - JEBSHEIM (V8046) - GRUSSENHEIM (V8149). The bridgehead across the ILL R in the vic of HUTTENHEIM (V8873) was maintained, but elements of 2 DB attempting to advance to the E encountered difficulty because of the heavy snow.
   c. XII TAC:
      (1) General support: Bad weather limited F/Bs to a total of 10 missions of 119 sorties in support of the Seventh Army. Rail communications targets and M/T movement well to the N of the Corps front were attacked successfully.
      (2) Close support: See Incls #2.

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold with heavy snow during the early part of the period, clearing by noon. Visibility poor improving to fair in the late afternoon.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:
   a. Inf:
      (1) 45th Inf Div: The 157th Inf continued its reorganization and training program. No change in 179th Inf sector; the 1st and 3d Bns continued to hold their blocking positions along the Div R flank with the 2d Bn assembled at (Q7933). At 252250A the 2d Bn 274th Inf completed the relief of the 2d Bn 180th Inf which later moved to an assembly area vic (Q7735), regtl reserve. The 1st Bn 180th Inf held positions on the Div L flank blocking to the NE and maintaining contact with the 35th Inf Div. At 252300A the 3d Bn 274th Inf completed the relief of elements of the 2d and 3d Bns 36th Engr C Regt which moved to an assembly area vic WIMMENAU (Q7634), regtl reserve. The 1st Bn 274th Inf assembled vic (Q7935) as regtl reserve.
      (2) 103d Inf Div: The enemy force in SCHILLERSDORF (Q8430) which had been isolated by the 1st Bn 410th Inf during the previous period was successfully attacked during the morning, all resistance ending at 1115A. The 410th Inf, with the 2d Bn 411th Inf atchd, regrouped its forces during the afternoon and reorganized the positions along the former MLR. The 2d and 3d Bns 410th Inf and the 2d Bn 411th Inf occupied the forward positions with the 1st Bn 410th Inf assembled in INGWILLER (Q8130) as regtl reserve. No change in the remainder of the Div sector.
      (3) 79th Inf Div: The 3d Bn 314th Inf, 2d Bn 232d Inf and the 68th Armd Inf Bn continued to adv at 0730A to clear the enemy remaining in the BOIS d'OHLUNGEN (Q9825). Little opposition was encountered and by 1030A the MLR along the MODER R had been restored and SCHWEIGHAUSEN (Q9924) was reported to be cleared. The 1st Bn 314th Inf reld the 68th Armd Inf Bn on the MLR, and CCB 14th Armd Div commenced moving to its former assembly area in the vic of WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) where it closed at 1545A at which time it was reld of atchment to the Div and reverted to the control of the 14th Armd Div. The units in the L of the Div sector regrouped and by late afternoon the line was being held by the 3d Bn 222d Inf, the 1st and 3d Bns 314th Inf and the 2d Bn 232d Inf. All other units moved to reserve assembly areas (Overlay). The 101st A/B Div commenced the relief of the units in SCHWEIGHAUSEN and in the sector W to the 103d Inf Div bdry with the 501st Prcht Inf and the 327th Glider Inf. The main elements were reld, but command of the sector had not yet changed at the end of the period. There was no change in the sectors of the 313th Inf, 242d Inf and 315th Inf during the period.

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(4) 36th Inf Div: The sector remained quiet during the period with the activity limited to patrol contacts in the vic of BISCHWILLER (R0818). The 1st Bn 143d Inf completed the relief of the 2d Bn 142d Inf at 252335A, 2d Bn 142d Inf moving to an assembly area vic GRIES (R0617) on completion of the relief.

(5) 101st A/B Div: The remaining elements of the Div closed in the VI Corps zone at 2100A, atchd to VI Corps on arrival. The 506th Prcht Inf assembled in the vic of ZOEBERSDORF (Q8421), the 1st Bn 502d Prcht Inf in the vic of HUTTENDORF (Q9222) and the remainder of the regt in the vic of WINGERSHEIM (Q9213). Late in the afternoon the 501st Prcht Inf and the 327th Glider Inf moved to a forward assembly area in the vic of KEFFENDORF (Q9522) and prepared to effect the relief of elements of the 79th Inf Div in the L of Div zone. The 1st and 2d Bns 501st Prcht Inf reld the 3d Bn 222d Inf and the 3d Bn 314th Inf in position with 3d Bn remaining in regtl reserve in the vic of UHLWILLER (Q9524). The 1st and 2d Bns 327th Glider Inf reld the 1st Bn 314th Inf and the 2d Bn 232d Inf in position with the 3d Bn remaining in regtl reserve in the vic of OHLUNGEN (Q9723). Main elements were in position at the end of the period but command of the new zone had not yet passed to 101st A/B Div.

(6) 141st Inf: No change. Remained assembled in the vic of MONSWILLER (Q7317), Corps reserve.

b. FA:

(1) Despite poor visibility during most of the period, numerous observed missions were fired. During the afternoon the weather cleared sufficiently to permit the Air OPs to conduct observed missions.

(2) 59th Armd FA Bn was reld of atchment to 79th Inf Div and atchd to the 36th Inf Div effective 261700A.

(3) 242d FA Bn was reld of atchment to the 79th Inf Div and atchd to 101st A/B Div effective 261700A.

(4) 807th TD Bn closed in assembly area vic HOCHFELDEN (R0717), atchd to 101st A/B Div.

d. Armd:

(1) 14th Armd Div: CCB closed in its assembly area vic WITTERSHEIM (Q9420) at 1545A, was reld of atchment to the 79th Inf Div, and reverted to Div control on closing.

(2) Co A and 1 Plat Co D 781st Tk Bn were reld of atchment to the 79th Inf Div and atchd to 101st A/B Div effective 261700A.

j. Misc: VI Corps OIs Nos 28 and 29 issued at 261700A and 262100A respectively.

6. COMBAT EFFICIENCY: Satisfactory. Low infantry strength and combat fatigue.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The enemy group that had been encircled in SCHILLERSDORF during the previous period was successfully liquidated during the morning. The penetration W of SCHWEIGHAUSEN was also cleared and the MLR along the MODER R was restored. The units occupying the MLR in the 79th Inf Div W of SCHWEIGHAUSEN reorganized during the afternoon. The remaining elements of the 101st A/B Div closed in the area during the period and the Div commenced the relief of TF LINDEN. Late in the period the 501st Prcht Inf and the 327th Glider Inf moved into forward positions to relieve the units in the L of the 79th Inf Div zone.

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INCLS #2
TO G-3 REPORT #27

AIR SUPPORT HANDLED BY FWD CONTROL (HALFBAKE), VI CORPS 252400A-262400A
(Source: Report of 64th Ftr Wing Fwd Control)

1. General: 4 missions of 38 sorties were flown in close support of VI Corps. 7.25 tons of demolition and 5 tons of incendiary bombs were dropped.

2. Details:

a. Mission #1.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe town of UHRWILLER Q8831, an enemy rallying point. TOT 1425 hours.
(2) Action: "Exhaust" leader checked into area at 1420 hours on AO #17 with 11 a/c. "Halfbake" turned squadron over to "Halfbake King" (103rd Div) who gave squadron a target.
(3) Results: 2 x 500-lb demolition and 11 x 500-lb incendiary bombs dropped on town of UHRWILLER Q8831. 10 buildings destroyed, fires started in town, other damage unknown. Strafed and damaged 4 MT in town.

b. Mission #2.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe town of ZINSWILLER Q892375, a suspected troop and MT concentration. TOT 1455 hours.
(2) Action: "Gatepost" leader checked into area at 1425 hours on AO #15 with 11 a/c. "Halfbake" (VI Corps) turned squadron over to "Halfbake King" (103rd Div) who gave squadron a target.
(3) Results: 9 x 500-lb demolition and 3 x 500-lb incendiary bombs dropped in Northeast part of ZINSWILLER Q892375 on main road; squadron also strafed, fires started, no results observed.

c. Mission #3.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe troop and tank concentration at MERTZWILLER Q9630. TOT 1510 hours.
(2) Action: "Crawford" leader checked into area at 1500 hours on AO #30 with 7 a/c. "Halfbake" (VI Corps) turned squadron over to "Halfbake Mike" (79th Div) who gave squadron a target.
(3) Results: 8 x 500-lb demolition and 2 x 500-lb incendiary bombs dropped in town of MERTZWILLER Q9630, town left smoking. 15 MT strafed and damaged between KANDEL and LAUTERBOURG.

d. Mission #4.
(1) Request: 12 a/c to bomb and strafe tanks in town of DRUSENHEIM R157183. TOT 1540 hours.
(2) Action: "Abrook" leader checked into area at 1525 hours on AO #31 with 9 a/c. "Halfbake" sent squadron to tanks in DRUSENHEIM.
(3) Results: 10 x 500-lb demolition and 4 x 500-lb incendiary bombs dropped; all bombs hit in town but 2 which hit 100 yards North of town causing 1 road block. 5 buildings destroyed and 3 buildings damaged.

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